WYOMING LABOR FORCE TRENDS

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NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AT POST-DEPRESSION HIGH

The Nation's Third Quarter 1982 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 9.9 percent, as compared to 7.3 percent in the same quarter last year. Additionally the number of unemployed people in September was almost 11.3 million, up almost two million since January and 3.0 million above the September, 1981 level. The number of long term unemployed, people out of work for 15 weeks or more, increased by 239,000 over the month with the average duration of unemployment at 16.6 weeks. The number of discouraged workers, people who want to work but are not looking for jobs because they believe they could not find any, rose for the fifth consecutive quarter reaching 1.6 million in the third quarter of this year. The U.S. rate stood at 10.4 percent in October, a sharp jump from the 10.1 percent of September which was the highest unemployment rate since the depression.

WYOMING UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES UPWARD TREND IN THIRD QUARTER

In the third quarter 1982 seasonally adjusted unemployment averaged 6.4 percent in Wyoming, up substantially from the second quarter average of 5.3 percent and the third quarter 1981 average of 4.2 percent. This sharp quarterly gain in unemployment can be attributed to company closures and non-seasonal layoffs primarily in manufacturing, mining and construction. Refineries have shut down, expansion in the energy sector has slowed and interest rates, although down, are still not at a level where the average wage earner can qualify for housing. Because Wyoming consumers are holding their purchases down a ripple effect is being seen as secondary industries such as trade and services are cutting back on their staff or closing their doors. This fall the usual influx of non-resident big game hunters was not as evident as in years past.

In addition unemployment claims activities suggest unemployment will be up sharply in October and, unfortunately, no forecast of a turnaround in the state's economy can be made at this time.

SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RECORD HIGH FOR MONTH

September had the largest number of jobseekers, at almost 14,000, ever recorded for the month in Wyoming. The number of jobseekers in September was 63 percent above the 8,600 unemployed in September of 1981 and 159 percent higher than the 5,400 unemployed in September of 1979. Wyoming unemployment benefit payments to individuals in September totaled $5.6 million, $4.4 million higher than the previous year. The average weekly benefit payment in September was $150.67.

On the brighter side in August, the latest all states data, Wyoming ranked 46th with its 5.7 percent unadjusted rate. North and South Dakota were lowest with 4.7 and 4.3 percent. Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Colorado and Utah had August rates of 8.9, 7.7, 5.5, 7.2 and 7.5 percent. Michigan, with considerably more jobseekers than the entire population of Wyoming, continued to have the highest rate at 14.5 percent.

STATE COVERED WAGE EARNERS AVERAGE $17,800

Employer contributions data, recently compiled for the first quarter of 1982, indicate a statewide average weekly wage of $342, or $17,800 a year. This is for over 17,000 firms employing over 204,000 Wyoming workers covered by the expanded 1978 unemployment insurance law. This quarterly wage is up 8.6 percent from the $315 average weekly wage recorded during the first quarter of 1981. The National Consumer Price Index was up 7.6 percent annually during the same time frame. It would appear that the average Wyoming workers wage is slightly ahead of the national inflation rate.

On an area basis covered workers in Campbell County averaged $429 a week, or over $22,300 a year in wages. Following are Sweetwater, $420 a week and Natrona, Converse and Carbon with wages of $376, $372 and $369. Teton and Goshen counties had the lowest average weekly wage at $222. The highest paying jobs within an industrial sector were employees in stock brokerage companies at $674 a week or $35,000 a year. In Wyoming the higher wages are usually located where employment is concentrated in the energy sector. On the other side of the coin counties that have an agricultural or trade and services oriented economy tend to have the lower wages.

WYOMING LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE RANKS 2ND

In 1981 the U.S. labor force participation rate, which is a measure of the number of people in the labor force as a proportion of the entire non-institutional population, was 63.9 percent. This compares to Wyoming's rate of 72.1 percent, second only to Nevada which was 73.1 percent. Wyoming's female participation rate ranked fourth at 59.7 percent while the male rate was second, behind Nevada, at 84.2 percent.

The same year, 1981, the male labor force in Wyoming had an unemployment rate of 3.9 percent as compared to 4.5 percent for the women. The average rate that year for both sexes was 4.1 percent. The high growth rate in years past, including 1981, of mining and construction along with the establishment of "bachelor camps" would help to explain these statistics.

THIRD QUARTER LABOR FORCE DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

The average third quarter 1982 labor force, at 259,182, was down less than one percent from the third quarter of 1981. This compares to a four percent annual labor force gain during the second quarter of this year. During the third quarter the U.S. labor force indicated an over-the-year growth rate of around two percent. Through September of this year the Wyoming labor force has averaged a growth rate of 2.5 percent compared to 1981. This compares to an annual growth rate of 7-9 percent from 1974 through 1979 and 5-6 percent in 1980 and 1981.

Since the summer of 1980 at least 11 thousand individuals have been layed off in construction, uranium, coal, lumber, refinery, off-road machinery, and the oil and gas industry. Recent job layoffs have also occurred in the trade and service sectors of the economy.

During the third quarter of this year annual employment declines were noted in all major industries except finance, insurance and real estate, which remained unchanged. Construction continued its trend with the largest worker decline, over 11 percent from the third quarter of 1981. Services and trade followed, down 2,900 workers, and even mining was down one percent. For more detail see Table 3.

COUNTY LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Area trends in Wyoming fluctuated widely--well over half the counties, sixteen in all,

indicated annual labor force declines. In September only two counties, Campbell and Uinta, registered relatively high annual growth. Five counties, Natrona, Sheridan, Sweetwater, Teton and Weston registered low to moderate annual labor force growth.

Crook and Teton counties had the lowest unemployment level in the state, both at 3.0 percent. Big Horn and Lincoln counties had the highest at 8.4 percent each. Natrona County, at 7.1 percent, and almost 3,000 unemployed, registered the highest unemployment since 1963 and was up from only 2.6 percent of a year ago and 2.0 percent in September, 1979. For more detail see Tables 2-A and 2-B.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The highest industrial wages reported in Wyoming at the end of the third quarter, according to our current employment survey, were in the mining of coal with an average weekly wage of $669.68, or over $34,800 a year. For further detail see Table 4.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SEPTEMBER 1982

INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	WYOMING
Manufacturing	$ 333.29	$ 298.70
Mining	457.75	458.97
Construction	432.47	I.N.A.
Trans. & Public Utilities	410.03	I.N.A.
Trade	200.93	I.N.A.
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	247.71	I.N.A.
Services	228.25	I.N.A.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS?

Listed below is a brief comparison of today's economy, September 1982, with that of September 1979-1981.

WYOMING	1979	1980	1981	1982
Civilian Labor Force	235,478	247,777	258,036	254,415
Employment	230,068	239,732	249,452	240,431
Unemployment	5,410	8,045	8,584	13,984
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	3.2%	3.3%	5.5%

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - (1967=100)

ALL URBAN

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
September 1982	293.3	287.6	319.7	226.9	194.9	295.3	336.0
Annual % Change	5.0	3.5	5.3	7.1	2.2	3.5	11.4

WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
September 1982	292.8	287.7	320.0	226.4	194.1	296.9	333.9
Annual % Change	4.9	3.5	5.4	7.0	1.9	3.6	11.0

TABLE 1
SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO SEP 1982 FROM		
	SEP 1982	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981
SELECTED EMPLOYMENT DATA							
Employed Labor Force	240,431	244,856	248,664	249,452	- 1.8	3.3	- 3.6
a. Covered Employment 2/	226,700	223,600	221,300	220,140	1.4	2.4	3.0
b. Agriculture 3/	17,081	17,081	17,254	17,400	0.0	- 1.0	- 1.8
Total Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	5.5%	5.7%	5.6%	3.3%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	6.4%	6.7%	6.2%	3.9%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Total Unemployment Rate-U.S.A	9.7%	9.6%	9.8%	7.3%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	10.1%	9.8%	9.8%	7.6%	XXX	XXX	XXX
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE							
Claims Filed in Local Offices	38,065	34,476	38,795	10,520	10.4	- 1.9	261.8
a. Initial	3,752	3,203	3,939	1,598	17.1	- 4.7	134.8
Weeks Compensated	36,940	31,869	33,909	9,182	15.9	8.9	302.3
Total Amount Benefits Paid	$ 5,565,663	$ 4,754,848	$ 4,927,647	$ 1,211,202	17.1	12.9	359.5
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	$ 150.67	$ 149.20	$ 145.32	$ 131.91	1.0	3.7	14.2
Insured Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	3.5%	3.7%	3.6%	1.0%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	XXX	XXX	XXX
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE							
New Applications Received	6,106	4,856	4,397	5,629	25.7	38.9	8.5
Non-Agri. Openings Received	3,622	2,986	2,582	5,225	21.3	40.3	- 30.7
Non-Agri. Placements	3,432	2,404	2,243	4,215	42.8	53.0	- 18.6
PRICE INDEXES - 1967=100							
Consumer Price Index							
All Urban - All Items	293.3	292.8	292.2	279.3	0.2	0.4	5.0
Wage Earners & Clerical Workers	292.8	292.4	291.8	279.1	0.1	0.3	4.9
Commodity Prices, Wholesale	299.5	300.4	300.6	295.7	- 0.3	- 0.4	1.3
Retail Prices of Food	287.6	287.4	288.5	278.0	0.1	- 0.3	3.5

1/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures. 2/ Covered under Wyoming U.I Law, not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey. 3/ Not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey.

TABLE 2-A
WYOMING TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO SEP 1982 FROM		
	SEP 1982	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981
Satewide	254,415	259,764	263,368	258,036	- 2.1	- 3.4	- 1.4
Albany	12,900	12,785	13,027	13,911	0.9	- 1.0	- 7.3
Big Horn	5,693	5,579	5,710	5,986	2.0	- 0.3	- 4.9
Campbell	20,803	21,542	21,974	18,549	- 3.4	- 5.3	12.2
Carbon	9,952	10,285	10,552	11,153	- 3.2	- 5.7	- 10.8
Converse	7,369	7,773	8,067	8,088	- 5.2	- 8.7	- 8.9
Crook	2,547	2,486	2,517	2,639	2.5	1.2	- 3.5
Fremont	16,889	17,645	18,390	18,271	- 4.3	- 8.2	- 7.6
Goshen	6,081	5,951	5,760	6,175	2.2	5.6	- 1.5
Hot Springs	2,561	2,507	2,567	2,743	2.2	- 0.2	- 6.6
Johnson	3,829	3,951	3,867	4,207	- 3.1	- 1.0	- 9.0
Laramie	32,100	32,642	32,996	33,417	- 1.7	- 2.7	- 3.9
Lincoln	5,979	6,237	6,211	6,009	- 4.1	- 3.7	- 0.5
Natrona	42,156	41,190	42,434	41,717	2.3	- 0.7	1.1
Niobrara	1,484	1,493	1,508	1,560	- 0.6	- 1.6	- 4.9
Park	14,114	16,098	16,136	14,402	- 12.3	- 12.5	- 2.0
Platte	3,816	3,742	3,965	4,584	2.0	- 3.8	- 16.8
Sheridan	11,884	11,914	11,650	11,718	- 0.3	2.0	1.4
Sublette	2,583	2,494	2,364	2,601	3.6	9.3	- 0.7
Sweetwater	24,716	25,281	25,347	24,614	- 2.2	- 2.5	0.4
Teton	8,360	9,456	9,393	8,029	- 11.6	- 11.0	4.1
Uinta	9,523	9,453	9,438	8,494	0.7	0.9	12.1
Washakie	5,042	5,237	5,497	5,242	- 3.7	- 8.3	- 3.8
Weston	4,036	4,025	3,998	3,928	0.3	1.0	2.7

1/ Latest month data is subject to revision. Prior month's data are revised figures.

TABLE 2-B
WYOMING TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATES			
	SEP 1982	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981	SEP 1982	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981
Statewide	13,984	14,908	14,704	8,584	5.5	5.7	5.6	3.3
Albany	798	822	869	668	6.2	6.4	6.7	4.8
Big Horn	477	503	507	173	8.4	9.0	8.9	2.9
Campbell	1,004	1,077	1,035	602	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.2
Carbon	674	740	864	325	6.8	7.2	8.2	2.9
Converse	388	405	377	243	5.3	5.2	4.7	3.0
Crook	77	66	77	57	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.2
Fremont	1,235	1,951	2,011	1,018	7.3	11.1	10.9	5.6
Goshen	228	219	209	192	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.1
Hot Springs	121	105	135	54	4.7	4.2	5.3	2.0
Johnson	172	149	152	10[illegible]	4.5	3.8	3.9	2.5
Laramie	1,258	1,269	1,393	1,529	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.6
Lincoln	505	512	544	178	8.4	8.2	8.8	3.0
Natrona	2,976	2,843	2,567	1,081	7.1	6.9	6.0	2.6
Niobrara	71	93	91	79	4.8	6.2	6.0	5.1
Park	632	612	571	358	4.5	3.8	3.5	2.5
Platte	227	260	295	271	5.9	6.9	7.4	5.9
Sheridan	647	651	512	358	5.4	5.5	4.4	3.1
Sublette	118	105	91	59	4.6	4.2	3.8	2.3
Sweetwater	1,262	1,404	1,256	723	5.1	5.6	5.0	2.9
Teton	252	210	189	156	3.0	2.2	2.0	1.9
Uinta	418	433	445	166	4.4	4.6	4.7	2.0
Washakie	241	278	299	118	4.8	5.3	5.4	2.3
Weston	203	202	214	71	5.0	5.0	5.4	1.8

TABLE 3
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO SEP 1982 FROM		
	SEP 1982	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981
WYOMING							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	214.2	215.0	215.6	222.2	- 0.4	- 0.6	- 3.6
Manufacturing	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.5	- 2.0	- 2.9	- 4.8
Durable Goods	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	- 2.0	- 2.0	- 2.0
Lumber & Wood Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	- 6.3
Other Durable Goods	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	- 2.9	- 2.9	0.0
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.5	- 1.9	- 3.8	- 7.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	- 7.7
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	- 6.7	- 12.5	- 26.3
Other Nondurables	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.0	8.7
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	204.2	204.8	205.3	211.7	- 0.3	- 0.5	- 3.5
Mining	39.4	39.3	39.0	39.7	0.3	1.0	- 0.8
Metal Mining	4.0	4.1	4.1	5.0	- 2.4	- 2.4	- 20.0
Bit. Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining	11.9	11.8	11.6	11.8	0.8	2.6	0.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	23.5	23.4	23.3	22.9	0.4	0.9	2.6
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.4	- 2.0	- 2.0	11.4
Oil Field Services	18.6	18.4	18.3	18.5	1.1	1.6	0.5
Contract Construction	18.5	18.7	18.3	20.4	- 1.1	1.1	- 9.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	16.9	17.4	17.6	17.9	- 2.9	- 4.0	- 5.6
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.3	0.0	0.0	- 16.3
Transportation except Railroads	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.7	- 6.0	- 7.4	- 6.0
Comm., Elect., Gas & Sani. Serv.	7.0	7.1	7.2	6.9	- 1.4	- 2.8	1.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	48.8	50.2	51.1	50.4	- 2.8	- 4.5	- 3.2
Wholesale Trade	9.2	9.6	10.1	10.7	- 4.2	- 8.9	- 14.0
Retail Trade	39.6	40.6	41.0	39.7	- 2.5	- 3.4	- 0.3
Ret. Gen. Mdse., App. & Access. Stores	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.5	7.1	7.1	9.1
Food Stores	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.0	- 1.8	0.0	8.0
Automotive Dealers & Serv. Stat.	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.5	- 4.5	- 5.9	- 1.5
Eating & Drinking Places	14.5	15.2	15.3	15.5	- 4.6	- 5.2	- 6.5
Other Retail Trade	7.3	7.6	7.9	7.2	- 3.9	- 7.6	1.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.4	- 1.3	- 1.3	0.0

(See Footnotes at End of Table)

TABLE 3 - Continued
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(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO SEP 1982 FROM		
	SEP 1982	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981
Services	32.6	34.2	34.3	33.7	- 4.7	- 5.0	- 3.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.6	9.7	9.7	8.8	- 11.3	- 11.3	- 2.3
Personal Services	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	0.0	- 6.3	- 6.3
Medical & Other Health Services	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.6	- 3.6	- 5.4	- 5.4
Other Services	17.2	17.5	17.4	17.7	- 1.7	- 1.1	- 2.8
Government	40.6	37.5	37.5	42.2	8.3	8.3	- 3.8
Federal Government	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.0	- 1.2	- 2.4	3.8
State & Local Government	32.3	29.1	29.0	34.2	11.0	11.4	- 5.6
State Government	12.1	11.6	11.9	12.0	4.3	1.7	0.8
Local Government	20.2	17.5	17.1	22.2	15.4	18.1	- 9.0
CASPER (Natrona County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	38.7	37.5	38.5	40.1	3.2	0.5	- 3.5
Manufacturing	1.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	- 14.3	- 20.0	- 42.9
Durable Goods	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.0	- 16.7	- 28.6	- 50.0
Nondurable Goods	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	- 12.5	- 12.5	- 36.4
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	- 25.0	- 25.0	- 57.1
Other Nondurables	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	37.5	36.1	37.0	38.0	3.9	1.4	- 1.3
Mining	5.9	6.4	7.0	7.4	- 7.8	- 15.7	- 20.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	5.3	5.8	6.3	6.6	- 8.6	- 15.9	- 19.7
Other Mining, Quarrying, etc.	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.0	- 14.3	- 25.0
Contract Construction	4.5	4.3	4.2	3.4	4.7	7.1	32.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.8	- 7.7	- 7.7	- 14.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade	9.9	10.2	10.5	10.9	- 2.9	- 5.7	- 9.2
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.6	3.8	4.3	- 8.3	- 13.2	- 23.3
Retail Trade	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.6	0.0	- 1.5	0.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.0	5.9
Services	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.8	- 5.6	- 8.9	- 12.1
Government	7.9	5.4	5.3	6.0	46.3	49.1	31.7
Federal Government	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	12.5
State & Local Government	7.0	4.5	4.4	5.2	55.6	59.1	34.6

(See Footnotes at End of Table)

TABLE 3 - Continued
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO SEP 1982 FROM		
	SEP 1982	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981
CHEYENNE (Laramie County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	29.8	29.9	29.8	30.8	- 0.3	0.0	- 3.2
Manufacturing	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	- 14.3	- 7.7	- 14.3
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	28.6	28.5	28.5	29.4	0.4	0.4	- 2.7
Contract Construction	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.9	- 5.9	- 5.9	- 15.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.5	- 5.0	- 5.0	- 15.6
Wholesale & Retail Trade	7.3	7.6	7.5	7.2	- 3.9	- 2.7	1.4
Wholesale Trade	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.0	- 7.7	9.1	20.0
Retail Trade	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.2	- 3.2	- 4.7	- 1.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	- 6.3
Services & Miscellaneous	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.6	0.0	0.0	- 3.6
Government	9.0	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.4	7.1	4.7
Federal Government	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3	- 4.2	- 4.2	0.0
State & Local Government	6.7	5.9	6.0	6.3	13.6	11.7	6.3

1/ Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 2/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures.

TABLE 4
AVERAGE NON-FARM HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS IN WYOMING AND THE U.S.A.

INDUSTRY AREA	SEP 1982	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	SEP 1981
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - U.S.A.				
Manufacturing	$ 333.29	$ 331.89	$ 332.60	$ 322.32
Mining	457.75	462.40	463.68	450.85
Construction	432.47	436.54	438.14	396.31
Trans. & Pub. Utilities	410.03	409.11	403.37	390.04
Trade	200.93	202.77	202.45	194.49
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	247.71	249.02	245.44	230.04
Services	228.25	228.06	227.40	211.25
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - WYOMING				
Manufacturing	$ 298.70	$ 304.61	$ 328.38	$ 324.02
Mining	458.97	481.20	475.60	446.35
Metal Mining	450.53	487.91	425.23	504.06
Bit. Coal, Quarrying, Etc.	669.68	675.45	648.95	585.79
Oil & Gas Extraction	366.43	391.79	406.55	368.28
Crude Pet. & Nat. Gas	531.48	519.02	512.08	470.22
Oil & Gas Field Services	338.64	368.15	387.06	351.43
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	38.8	39.0	38.9	39.5
Manufacturing - Wyoming	35.1	36.7	38.0	40.3
Mining - U.S.A.	41.5	42.5	42.5	43.9
Mining - Wyoming	37.9	40.1	41.0	40.8
Metal Mining	35.7	39.7	34.6	40.1
Bit. Coal, Quarrying, Etc.	45.9	45.7	43.7	43.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	34.7	37.6	40.9	39.9
Crude Pet. & Nat. Gas	43.6	40.9	41.7	43.1
Oil & Gas Field Services	33.2	37.0	40.7	39.8
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	$ 8.59	$ 8.51	$ 8.55	$ 8.16
Manufacturing - Wyoming	8.51	8.30	8.51	8.04
Mining - U.S.A.	11.03	10.88	10.91	10.27
Mining - Wyoming	12.11	12.00	11.60	10.94
Metal Mining	12.62	12.29	12.29	12.57
Bit. Coal, Quarrying, Etc.	14.59	14.78	14.85	13.56
Oil & Gas Extraction	10.56	10.42	9.94	9.23
Crude Pet. & Nat. Gas	12.19	12.69	12.28	10.91
Oil & Gas Field Services	10.20	9.95	9.51	8.83

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NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO RISE

National Fourth Quarter 1982 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 10.7 percent, compared to 8.4 percent in the same quarter last year. The number of unemployed people in December exceeded 12.0 million, up almost 2.7 million from the December, 1981 level. The number of long term unemployed, people out of work for 15 weeks or more, in December was 4.7 million, compared to 2.4 million a year ago, with an average duration of 18.0 weeks. The number of discouraged workers, people who want to work but are not looking for jobs because they believe they could not find any, rose for the sixth consecutive quarter, reaching 1.8 million in the fourth quarter 1982 compared to 1.6 million in the prior quarter. The U.S. unemployment rate reached 10.8 percent for December, seasonally adjusted, compared to 8.6 percent for a year ago.

WYOMING UNEMPLOYMENT GROWS

Fourth quarter 1982 seasonally adjusted unemployment averaged 7.1 percent for Wyoming, up from the Third Quarter average of 6.4 percent and Fourth Quarter 1981 average of 3.9 percent. This increase in unemployment is the result of firm closings and layoffs in the goods producing industries of mining, construction and manufacturing. A reduced demand for energy and housing, has made an impact on these primary industries. With higher unemployment and a reduction in sales, the secondary industries such as trade and services are cutting their staff or closing

Recent unemployment claims activities are still rising sharply which suggest that any improvement in the state's ecomony may be some time away.

DECEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT NEARS 20,000

Nearly 20,000 persons were without jobs in December, a record high for the state. The number of unemployed (19,737) was 84 percent above the 10,753 who were out of work in December, 1981. The unemployment benefits paid during the month, totaled about $ 8.3 million for 54,700 jobless weeks compared to $ 2.8 million and 20,700 weeks, a year ago. December weekly benefits averaged $ 151.64. Benefits paid during the quarter totaled $ 19.0 million.

In December,Wyoming ranked 36th in the nation with a 7.9 percent unadjusted unemployment rate. This compared to the ranking of 46th for the month of August. Of the contiguous states: Utah, Colorado, Idaho and Montana have rates higher than Wyoming with 8.9, 9.0, 10.2, and 9.2 percent respectively, while South Dakota and Nebraska have rates lower than us, of 6.6 and 7.0 percent. West Virginia and Michigan have the nation's highest rates, of 17.8 and 17.3, while Hawaii and South

Dakota have the lowest rates of 6.3 and 6.6, percent. In December, each of seven states had more unemployed persons than Wyoming's total population.

ANNUAL COVERED WORKER WAGES AVERAGE $ 17,735

Recently compiled employer contributions data for Third Quarter, 1982, shows the statewide average weekly wage at $341, or $17,735 a year. This is for 17,350 firms employing 208,200 workers covered by the Wyoming Employment Security Act. This quarterly wage is up 3.6 percent from the $329 average weekly wage for Third Quarter 1981. This compares to an annual increase between Third Quarter 1981 and 1980 of $32 per week, or 10.8 percent.

Covered workers in Campbell County averaged $493 a week, or $25,617 a year in wages; where-over-the year the average weekly wage increased $54, or 12 percent. Other counties following Campbell are: Sweetwater, $409 a week; Uinta, $385 and Natrona $375. Teton and Goshen counties had the lowest weekly wage at $214 and $223, respectively. Normally, those areas that are active in energy related industries have the high wage and those that are primarily agricultural oriented have the lowest incomes.

The 33,300 covered employees in the mining industry averaged $556 for their weekly wage, with coal miners earning $648 and trona miners, $655. Retail trade employees had weekly earnings of $180.

WYOMING FOURTH QUARTER LABOR FORCE DOWN, UNEMPLOYMENT UP

The average Fourth Quarter 1982 labor force, at 251,909, was about one-half percent below the same quarter 1981. This was the second quarter in which the labor force in 1982 was less than the same period in 1981. The labor force decreased 7,065 from the Third Quarter 1982 amount of 258,974. Since 1972, the state labor force has grown until the summer of 1982, when slow downs in a number of industries reversed this trend.

December 1982 unemployment reached a high of 19,737 for a rate of 7.9%, an all-time record since the depression of the 1930's. The number of employed persons dropped to 229,007, about 11,000 below the number working in December 1981. Annual employment declines were recorded in all major industries except government. Construction employment suffered the largest decline of any industry, with 27 percent during the past year. Energy related industries lost employees as well as trade and service industries. See table 3 for additional information.

COUNTY LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT

The labor force of the counties has fluctuated during the past year - thirteen counties have had a reduction in their labor force, while all twenty-three counties have recorded increases in the number of unemployed. Campbell, Uinta, Big Horn, and Teton have shown fairly large labor force growth from December' 81 to December' 82 while Natrona, Fremont and Platte had the largest loses in the labor force.

The labor force of five counties: Natrona, Laramie, Sweetwater, Campbell, and Fremont totaled 135,623 - about 55 percent of the state's labor force. Those same counties account for 10,672 unemployed persons, again nearly 55 of the states total unemployment.

Natrona County had 4,086 jobless or 9.7 percent in December, while Laramie County had over 2,000 without work. Big Horn, Carbon, Fremont, Lincoln, Platte, Sheridan, and Teton, all had unemployment rates which exceeded 9.0 percent. See tables 2-A and 2-B for more details.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The highest industrial wages reported in Wyoming for December, according to our current employment survey, were in coal mining with an average weekly wage of $669.04 or nearly $34,800 per year. Further detail is available on Table 4.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - DECEMBER 1982

INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	WYOMING
Manufacturing	$ 344.99	$ 298.89
Mining	464.10	470.53
Construction	437.92	I.N.A.
Trans. & Public Utilities	415.24	I.N.A.
Trade	203.47	I.N.A.
Finance. Ins. & Real Estate	254.85	I.N.A.
Services	232.11	I.N.A.

A comparison is shown of the annual average economic statistics for Wyoming.

WYOMING	1970	1975	1980	1981	1982
Civilian Labor Force	142,800	165,900	235,000	250,000	253,000
Unemployment	6,300	7,000	9,000	10,000	15,000
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%	5.8%

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	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
December 1982	292.4	279.1	316.3	230.8	193.6	294.8	344.3
Annual % Change	3.9	3.2	3.6	6.6	1.6	1.7	11.0

WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
December 1982	292.0	279.6	316.8	230.3	192.8	296.3	341.8
Annual % Change	3.9	3.2	4.0	6.6	1.8	1.6	10.6

PLEASE HELP IMPROVE OUR DATA

Much of the information that is contained in this report is based on labor market information that is furnished to us by employers on a voluntary basis. This data is used in cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in which employment and unemployment statistics are compiled and published for certain industries and areas. Many employers have refused or have discontinued to participate in these programs. This has resulted in the deterioration in the quality of data that is published.

We ask your assistance in the improvement of the quality of our statistics, by participating in our current employment statistics program. Monthly reports from each employer are kept confidential and data is published only in summary form. In this time of economic stress, more business firms and government agencies are interested in labor force information - we hope to make ours the best available. If you are not now supplying us data - we ask that you please begin.

For further information concerning your participation in this program, please call (307) 235-3644.

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TABLE 1
SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO DEC 1982 FROM		
	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981
SELECTED EMPLOYMENT DATA							
Employed Labor Force	229,007	233,880	238,482	240,085	- 2.1	- 4.0	- 4.6
a. Covered Employment 2/	200,641	201,789	204,639	212,049	- 0.6	- 2.0	- 5.4
b. Agriculture 3/	10,459	11,752	13,665	10,654	- 11.0	- 23.5	- 1.8
Total Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	7.9%	7.1%	6.6%	4.3%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	7.5%	6.7%	7.2%	4.0%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Total Unemployment Rate-U.S.A.	10.5%	10.4%	10.4%	8.3%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	10.8%	10.7%	10.5%	8.6%	XXX	XXX	XXX
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE							
Claims Filed in Local Offices	58,433	37,878	39,162	24,888	54.3	49.2	134.8
a. Initial	5,977	3,744	4,462	3,704	59.6	34.0	61.4
Weeks Compensated	54,694	34,493	35,989	20,679	58.6	52.0	164.5
Total Amount Benefits Paid	$ 8,281,794	$ 5,237,480	$ 5,502,108	$ 2,805,168	58.1	50.5	195.2
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	$ 151.64	$ 151.84	$ 152.88	$ 135.65	- 0.1	- 0.8	11.8
Insured Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	5.2%	4.4%	3.9%	2.3%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	XXX	XXX	XXX
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE							
New Applications Received	4,839	4,374	3,889	3,207	10.6	24.4	50.9
Non-Agri. Openings Received	2,640	2,216	2,179	2,095	19.1	21.2	26.0
Non-Agri. Placements	1,550	2,093	1,807	1,949	- 25.9	- 14.2	- 20.5
PRICE INDEXES - 1967=100							
Consumer Price Index							
All Urban - All Items	292.4	293.6	294.1	281.5	- 0.4	- 0.6	3.9
Wage Earners & Clerical Workers	292.0	293.2	293.6	281.1	- 0.4	- 0.5	3.9
Commodity Prices, Wholesale	300.6	300.4	299.8	295.9	0.1	0.3	1.6
Retail Prices of Food	286.5	286.4	287.0	277.8	0.0	- 0.2	3.1

1/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures. 2/ Covered under Wyoming U.I Law, not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey. 3/ Not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey.

TABLE 2-A
WYOMING TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO DEC 1982 FROM		
	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981
Statewide	248,744	251,702	255,282	250,838	- 1.2	- 2.6	- 0.8
Albany	13,437	13,706	13,560	13,519	- 2.0	- 0.9	0.6
Big Horn	5,997	6,058	6,058	5,422	- 1.0	1.0	10.6
Campbell	20,759	20,794	20,951	19,966	- 0.2	0.9	4.0
Carbon	10,293	10,165	10,167	10,201	1.3	1.2	0.9
Converse	7,552	7,607	7,686	7,824	- 0.7	- 1.7	- 3.5
Crook	2,453	2,462	2,567	2,454	- 0.4	- 4.4	0.0
Fremont	16,840	16,831	17,555	17,568	0.1	- 4.1	- 4.1
Goshen	5,869	5,999	6,185	6,149	- 2.2	- 5.1	- 4.6
Hot Springs	2,538	2,584	2,680	2,552	- 1.8	- 5.3	- 0.5
Johnson	3,523	3,605	3,695	3,476	- 2.3	- 4.7	1.4
Laramie	32,097	32,258	32,733	32,521	- 0.5	- 1.9	- 1.3
Lincoln	5,696	5,740	5,825	5,647	- 0.8	- 2.2	0.9
Natrona	42,166	43,274	42,719	44,745	- 2.6	- 1.3	- 5.8
Niobrara	1,233	1,335	1,359	1,322	- 7.6	- 9.3	- 6.7
Park	11,739	12,018	12,877	11,468	- 2.3	- 8.8	2.4
Platte	3,859	4,016	4,105	4,417	- 3.9	- 6.0	- 12.6
Sheridan	11,862	12,040	12,329	11,470	- 1.5	- 3.8	3.4
Sublette	2,472	2,636	2,731	2,338	- 6.2	- 9.5	5.7
Sweetwater	23,761	23,656	24,176	24,095	0.4	- 1.7	- 1.4
Teton	6,634	6,747	6,869	6,175	- 1.7	- 3.4	7.4
Uinta	9,502	9,545	9,644	8,877	- 0.4	- 1.5	7.0
Washakie	4,942	4,985	5,102	4,947	- 0.9	- 3.1	- 0.1
Weston	3,520	3,641	3,709	3,687	- 3.3	- 5.1	- 4.5

1/ Latest month data is subject to revision. Prior month's data are revised figures.

TABLE 2-B
WYOMING TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATES			
	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981
Statewide	19,737	17,822	16,800	10,753	7.9	7.1	6.6	4.3
Albany	871	740	638	579	6.5	5.4	4.7	4.3
Big Horn	597	486	479	146	10.0	8.0	7.9	2.7
Campbell	1,193	1,083	1,100	618	5.7	5.2	5.3	3.1
Carbon	1,117	892	694	481	10.9	8.8	6.8	4.7
Converse	573	543	515	346	7.6	7.1	6.7	4.4
Crook	175	138	123	114	7.1	5.6	4.8	4.6
Fremont	1,537	1,421	1,871	1,049	9.1	8.4	10.7	6.0
Goshen	325	285	278	256	5.5	4.8	4.5	4.2
Hot Springs	141	121	130	88	5.6	4.7	4.9	3.4
Johnson	271	225	201	188	7.7	6.2	5.4	5.4
Laramie	2,080	1,962	1,820	1,607	6.5	6.1	5.6	4.9
Lincoln	789	697	655	515	13.9	12.1	11.2	9.1
Natrona	4,086	3,754	3,141	1,513	9.7	8.7	7.4	3.4
Niobrara	59	91	70	35	4.8	6.8	5.2	2.6
Park	752	667	678	376	6.4	5.6	5.3	3.3
Platte	363	316	291	303	9.4	7.9	7.1	6.9
Sheridan	1,089	948	1,037	596	9.2	7.9	8.4	5.2
Sublette	114	108	125	48	4.6	4.1	4.6	2.1
Sweetwater	1,776	1,575	1,440	971	7.5	6.7	6.0	4.0
Teton	623	611	457	379	9.4	9.1	6.7	6.1
Uinta	659	598	554	293	6.9	6.3	5.7	3.3
Washakie	300	290	268	143	6.1	5.8	5.3	2.9
Weston	247	272	236	109	7.0	7.5	6.4	3.0

TABLE 3
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO DEC 1982 FROM		
	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981
WYOMING							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	210.7	215.5	217.9	224.6	- 2.2	- 3.3	- 6.2
Manufacturing	9.3	9.7	9.7	9.9	- 4.1	- 4.1	- 6.1
Durable Goods	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	- 2.4	- 4.7	- 4.7
Lumber & Wood Products	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.0	- 7.7	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	- 3.3	- 3.3	- 6.5
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.6	- 5.5	- 3.7	- 7.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.6	- 16.7	- 16.7	- 6.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.8	0.0	0.0	- 22.2
Other Nondurables	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	0.0	- 4.5	4.5
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	201.4	205.8	208.2	214.7	- 2.1	- 3.3	- 6.2
Mining	37.7	37.9	37.5	39.8	- 0.5	0.5	- 5.3
Metal Mining	2.9	2.9	2.6	3.5	0.0	11.5	- 17.1
Bit. Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining	10.9	11.1	11.1	11.7	- 1.8	- 1.8	- 6.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	23.9	23.9	23.8	24.6	0.0	0.4	- 2.8
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.4	0.0	0.0	11.4
Oil Field Services	19.0	19.0	18.9	20.2	0.0	0.5	- 5.9
Contract Construction	15.0	17.5	18.8	20.6	- 14.3	- 20.2	- 27.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	17.1	17.1	17.4	18.9	0.0	- 1.7	- 9.5
Railroad Transportation	3.4	3.5	3.6	4.0	2.9	- 5.6	- 15.0
Transportation except Railroads	6.4	6.3	6.5	7.2	1.6	- 1.5	- 11.1
Comm., Elect., Gas & Sani. Serv.	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.7	0.0	0.0	- 5.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	47.7	47.9	48.4	50.0	- 0.4	- 1.4	- 4.6
Wholesale Trade	9.8	10.1	10.1	11.6	- 3.0	- 3.0	- 15.5
Retail Trade	37.9	37.8	38.3	38.4	0.3	- 1.0	- 1.3
Ret. Gen. Mdse., App. & Access. Stores	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.5	1.7	1.7	7.3
Food Stores	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.8	3.8	3.8
Automotive Dealers & Serv. Stat.	5.9	5.9	6.2	6.0	0.0	- 4.8	- 1.7
Eating & Drinking Places	13.1	13.4	13.6	13.4	- 2.2	- 3.7	- 2.2
Other Retail Trade	7.5	7.5	7.4	8.2	0.0	1.4	- 8.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.7	0.0	- 1.3	- 1.3

(See Footnotes at End of Table)

TABLE 3 - Continued
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO DEC 1982 FROM		
	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981
Services	29.9	30.7	31.8	31.7	- 2.6	- 6.0	- 5.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	5.1	5.3	6.5	6.1	- 3.8	- 21.5	- 16.4
Personal Services	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.7	- 6.7	- 6.7	- 17.6
Medical & Other Health Services	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5	0.0	1.8	3.6
Other Services	17.7	18.2	18.2	18.4	- 2.7	- 2.7	- 3.8
Government	46.4	47.1	46.6	46.0	- 1.5	- 0.4	0.9
Federal Government	6.9	7.0	7.3	6.9	- 1.4	- 5.5	0.0
State & Local Government	39.5	40.1	39.3	39.1	- 1.5	0.5	1.0
State Government	10.3	10.3	10.3	12.2	0.0	0.0	- 15.6
Local Government	29.2	29.8	29.0	26.9	- 2.0	0.7	8.6
CASPER (Natrona County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	38.3	39.7	39.8	44.0	- 3.5	- 3.8	- 13.0
Manufacturing	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.2	0.0	0.0	- 36.4
Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	- 50.0
Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.0	0.0	- 25.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	- 28.6
Other Nondurables	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	- 20.0
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	36.9	38.3	38.4	41.8	- 3.7	- 3.9	- 11.7
Mining	6.7	7.0	7.0	9.7	- 4.3	- 4.3	- 30.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	6.2	6.5	6.5	9.0	- 4.6	- 4.6	- 31.1
Other Mining, Quarrying, etc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	- 28.6
Contract Construction	4.1	4.6	4.8	3.3	- 10.9	- 14.6	24.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.1	0.0	- 3.6	- 12.9
Wholesale & Retail Trade	9.8	10.0	10.1	11.6	- 2.0	- 3.0	- 15.5
Wholesale Trade	3.9	4.0	4.0	5.0	- 2.5	- 2.5	- 22.0
Retail Trade	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.6	- 1.7	- 3.3	- 10.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	5.8	6.0	5.9	6.6	- 3.3	- 1.7	- 12.1
Government	6.0	6.2	6.0	5.7	- 3.2	0.0	5.3
Federal Government	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	- 11.1
State & Local Government	5.2	5.4	5.2	4.8	- 3.7	2.0	8.3

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TABLE 3 - Continued
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO DEC 1982 FROM		
	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981
CHEYENNE (Laramie County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	29.7	29.8	30.3	30.9	- 0.3	- 2.0	- 3.9
Manufacturing	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	- 6.7	- 6.7	0.0
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	28.3	28.3	28.8	29.5	0.0	- 1.7	- 4.1
Contract Construction	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.6	- 17.6	- 22.2	- 12.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.7	0.0	- 5.0	- 19.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.4	2.8	1.4	0.0
Wholesale Trade	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.1	0.0	0.0	27.3
Retail Trade	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.3	3.4	1.7	- 4.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	- 6.2
Services & Miscellaneous	4.7	4.6	4.7	5.2	2.2	0.0	- 9.6
Government	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.0	0.0	0.0	5.6
Federal Government	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.0	4.3
State & Local Government	7.1	7.1	7.1	6.7	0.0	0.0	6.0

1/ Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 2/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures.

TABLE 4
AVERAGE NON-FARM HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS IN WYOMING AND THE U.S.A.

INDUSTRY AREA	DEC 1982	NOV 1982	OCT 1982	DEC 1981
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - U.S.A.				
Manufacturing	$ 344.99	$ 338.37	$ 333.84	$ 329.97
Mining	464.10	460.10	461.74	466.37
Construction	437.92	420.93	438.52	417.75
Trans. & Pub. Utilities	415.24	413.01	406.62	395.36
Trade	203.47	200.34	200.97	194.45
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	254.85	253.76	252.31	234.21
Services	232.11	230.10	229.13	217.12
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - WYOMING				
Manufacturing	$ 298.89	$ 306.49	$ 312.28	$ 330.89
Mining	470.53	467.19	455.34	464.62
Metal Mining	547.21	429.28	437.54	507.47
Bit. Coal, Quarrying, Etc.	669.04	674.52	663.80	607.20
Oil & Gas Extraction	382.63	384.84	370.27	397.28
Crude Pet. & Nat. Gas	595.89	567.24	518.72	481.08
Oil & Gas Field Services	346.75	355.00	346.80	389.08
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	39.7	39.3	39.0	39.9
Manufacturing - Wyoming	36.9	36.1	37.0	40.6
Mining - U.S.A.	42.0	41.6	41.9	44.8
Mining - Wyoming	38.6	38.2	37.6	42.2
Metal Mining	41.9	33.2	35.4	40.5
Bit. Coal, Quarrying, Etc.	43.9	44.7	44.7	44.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	36.2	36.0	34.8	41.6
Crude Pet. & Nat. Gas	46.7	44.7	41.9	42.2
Oil & Gas Field Services	34.4	34.6	34.0	42.2
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	$ 8.69	$ 8.61	$ 8.56	$ 8.27
Manufacturing - Wyoming	8.10	8.49	8.44	8.15
Mining - U.S.A.	11.05	11.06	11.02	10.41
Mining - Wyoming	12.19	12.23	12.11	11.01
Metal Mining	13.06	12.93	12.36	12.53
Bit. Coal, Quarrying, Etc.	15.24	15.09	14.85	13.80
Oil & Gas Extraction	10.57	10.69	10.64	9.55
Crude Pet. & Nat. Gas	12.76	12.69	12.38	11.40
Oil & Gas Field Services	10.08	10.26	10.20	9.22

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

Easily seen from the unemployment information contained in this issue of the Trends, the unemployment situation in the state of Wyoming continues to worsen. The additional burden placed upon this agency's Job Service Centers, it's Unemployment Insurance Division and upon other state agencies concerned with the welfare of the people has been immense. Because of the time lag before the nation's current recession reached the state, it appears likely that the projected national recovery will be also slow in reaching the state. This article was prepared in response to an increasing demand for information pertaining to characteristics of the unemployed in Wyoming.

Table A, the first of three tables associated with this article, is derived from a quarterly report prepared by the Wyoming Employment Security Commission Research and Analysis Section in conjunction with the U.S. Employment and Training Administration (ETA) on characteristics of the insured unemployed. Taken from records of those persons collecting unemployment insurance within the state, the report examines the records for the midpoint of each calendar year quarter. This information is normally summarized and presented annually in this agency's Wyoming Annual Planning Report. The Fourth Quarter data on Table A would be from approximately mid-November of the appropriate years.

Because of the large number of persons for whom information is not available, year to year percentage change comparisons may not be valid and therefore were not prepared. Disregarding the numbers for which information is not available, some limited observations may be made.

The first and most notable observation would be in the total number of claimants receiving unemployment insurance benefits, which has more than tripled over the last two years to 7,953 people. Estimated distribution by sex of these insured unemployed during the Fourth Quarter 1982 would indicate approximately five unemployed males for every two unemployed females. The age distribution would closely coincide to 1980 Census distributions with the greatest number of unemployed in the 25 to 34 year old age group, followed by those in the under 25 year old age group.

The occupational distribution shows the greatest number of insured unemployed in the Structural Work category which includes many assembler, repair and construction jobs. This is followed by the Miscellaneous category which includes many transportation, material handling and mining jobs.

In order to provide some verification of the the distributions shown on Table A, comparisons were made with records from the state's Job Service Centers. Monthly records of activities at the Job Service Centers include selected characteristics of those persons eligible to file an unemployment insurance claim. Comparing the percentage breakdowns on Table B from the Job Service Center records to those derived from data on Table A appears to support the accuracy of the occupational and sex category breakdowns. While the age breakdown in the Job Service records is not as detailed as the ETA report, the limited comparisons which could be made appear to support the distribution on Table A.

Table A

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
for Selected Calendar Year Quarters

CATEGORIES	IV-82	IV-81	IV-80
Totals	7,953	2,987	2,430
Sex			
Male	3,869	1,418	874
Female	1,407	777	466
INA *	2,679	792	1,090
Age Group			
Under 25 years old	1,316	508	303
25 to 34 " "	2,155	843	539
35 to 44 " "	991	434	254
45 to 54 " "	513	264	158
55 to 64 " "	279	140	83
65 years old & over	20	8	4
INA *	2,679	790	1,089
Occupation			
Professional, Technical & Managerial	552	267	148
Clerical & Sales	925	436	268
Service	420	189	104
Farming, Forestry & Fisheries	55	25	17
Processing	54	16	18
Machine Trades	344	118	82
Bench Work	37	55	20
Structural Work	1,536	745	459
Miscellaneous	1,311	346	222
INA *	2,719	790	1,092

* Information not available.

The industry breakdown is estimated through the averaging of three year employment trends which were then applied to the quarterly ETA report totals found on Table A. The changes in monthly employment by industry were adjusted to reflect estimates of the insured unemployed by industry for the month of November. While these estimates are felt to be an accurate picture of the insured unemployed by industry in Wyoming, they are subject to revision due to the time lag in receiving industry employment data.

With the Construction and Mining industries representing almost 50% of the state's insured unemployed, it is apparent that the boom industries of the 1970's may have reached their peaks. According to the industry estimates found on Table C, the Construction industry accounts for 29.0% of the total insured unemployed during the time periods examined. This is followed by the insured unemployed in the Mining industry which accounts for the next

20.0% of the total. The Services and Wholesale & Retail Trade industries, which in essence cater to all of the general business and consumer needs, follow with 15.0% and 12.4% of the total unemployed respectively.

Table B

Comparison of Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed and Eligible Claimants Registered with Wyoming Job Service (Percentage Distribution)

Occupation	Insured Unemployed **	Job Service Applicants
Professional, Technical & Managerial	10.5 %	8.8 %
Clerical & Sales	17.7	16.3
Service	8.0	7.9
Farming, Forestry & Fisheries	1.1	0.8
Processing	1.0	0.8
Machine Trades	6.6	6.0
Bench Work	0.7	0.8
Structural Work	29.3	31.6
Miscellaneous	25.0	25.8
Sex		
Male	73.3 %	74.7 %
Female	26.7	25.3
Age		
45 years old & over	15.4 %	14.9 %
Under 45 years old	84.6	85.1

** Does not include data for the INA category found on Table A.

Table C

Estimated Distribution of the Insured Unemployed by Industry for Selected Calendar Year Quarters

Industry	IV-82	IV-81	IV-80
Mining	1,591	597	486
Construction	2,306	866	705
Manufacturing	973	365	297
Transportation & Public Utilities	362	136	111
Wholesale & Retail Trade	983	370	300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	148	56	45
Service	1,193	448	365
Other	318	119	97
Totals	7,953	2,987	2,430

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Published Industry Title	Series Code	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
Total Non-Farm	000000	213.7	212.8	213.2	215.8	221.8	227.0	217.9	218.2	221.7	217.9	215.5	210.7	217.2
Manufacturing	300005	9.3	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.7	9.7	9.3	9.2
Durable Goods	300025	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
Lumber & Wood Products	324005	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
Other Durable Goods	399915	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0
Non-Durable Goods	400015	5.4	5.4	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.1
Food & Kindred Products	420005	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.3
Pet & Coal Products	429005	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6
Other Non-Durables	499915	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2
Mining	100005	38.9	38.2	37.3	37.7	37.4	37.4	37.0	37.3	37.7	37.5	37.9	37.7	37.7
Metal Mining	110005	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
Bit, Coal, Quarrying Etc	112055	11.5	11.4	11.2	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.0	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.1	10.9	11.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	113005	24.1	23.7	23.1	23.3	23.0	23.0	23.4	23.6	23.6	23.8	23.9	23.9	23.5
Crude Pet. & Nat. Gas	113125	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.7
Oil Field Services	113805	19.7	19.3	18.7	18.9	18.5	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.9	19.0	19.0	18.9
Construction	200005	16.1	16.2	16.7	17.2	18.5	20.5	19.8	20.2	19.4	18.8	17.5	15.0	18.0
Trans. & Public Utilities	500005	18.2	17.9	18.1	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.0	17.8	17.3	17.4	17.1	17.1	17.8
Railroads	540005	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.6
Trans. except Railroads	540045	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.6
Utilities	547095	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6

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Wholesale & Retail Trade	600005	48.3	47.8	48.3	49.3	50.4	51.5	51.8	50.6	49.3	48.4	47.9	47.7	49.2
Wholesale	650005	11.4	11.4	11.5	11.4	11.3	11.1	11.2	10.5	10.3	10.1	10.1	9.8	10.8
Retail	652005	36.9	36.4	36.8	37.9	39.1	40.4	40.6	40.1	39.0	38.3	37.8	37.9	38.4
Retail General Mdse.	653015	5.2	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.5
Food Stores	654005	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	655005	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.2	5.9	5.9	6.3
Eating & Drinking Pl.	658005	12.8	12.9	13.2	13.8	14.4	14.6	14.6	14.5	14.0	13.6	13.4	13.1	13.7
Other Retail Trade	659975	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.7	7.9	8.0	7.7	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.7
Finance, Ins. & Real Est.	700005	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.7
Services	800005	31.8	31.8	32.1	32.8	35.3	37.5	35.9	36.7	34.6	31.8	30.7	29.9	33.4
Hotel & Lodging Places	870005	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.3	8.7	11.2	9.9	10.8	8.9	6.5	5.3	5.1	7.6
Personal Services	872005	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.6
Medical & Health Serv.	880005	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8
Other Services	891975	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.9	19.1	18.9	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.2	18.2	17.7	18.4
Government	998008	43.4	43.9	44.2	44.1	45.3	45.1	38.5	38.6	46.6	46.6	47.1	46.4	44.2
Federal Government	998011	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	7.2	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.2	7.3	7.0	6.9	7.4
State & Local	998509	36.6	37.2	37.4	37.3	38.1	37.0	30.0	30.1	38.4	39.3	40.1	39.5	36.8
State	998512	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.1	9.7	9.4	9.1	9.6	10.3	10.3	10.3	9.9
Local	998523	26.6	27.1	27.3	27.3	28.0	27.3	20.6	21.0	28.8	29.0	29.8	29.2	26.8

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Total Non-Farm	000000	43.0	42.6	42.7	43.3	43.5	43.9	41.7	40.4	40.5	39.8	39.7	38.3	41.6
Manufacturing	300005	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.8
Non-Durable Goods	400015	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
Pet. & Coal Products	429005	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Mining	100005	9.6	9.3	9.2	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.5	7.8	7.2	7.0	7.0	6.7	8.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	113005	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.2	7.7
Other Mining	114995	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Construction	200005	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.7	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.1	4.0
Trans. & Public Utilities	500005	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	600005	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.1	10.6	10.1	10.1	10.0	9.8	10.9
Wholesale	650005	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.6
Retail	652005	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.9	6.3
Finance, Ins. & Real Est.	700005	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Services	800005	6.4	6.4	6.5	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.4
Government	990000	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.7	6.1	4.7	4.7	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.0	5.6
Federal Government	998011	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
State and Local	998509	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.9	5.2	3.8	3.8	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.2	4.8

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Manufacturing	300005	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4
Construction	200005	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.6
Trans. & Public Utilities	500005	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	600005	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.0
Wholesale Trade	650005	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.1
Retail Trade	652005	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.9
Finance, Ins. & Real Est.	700005	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Services and Mining	800005	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.7	5.0
Government	998008	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.5	9.2	8.7	8.6	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.2
Federal Government	998011	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
State and Local	998509	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	7.1	6.8	6.3	6.2	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.1	6.8

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Month	Pub. Ind. Title			Pub. Ind. Title			Pub. Ind. Title			Pub. Ind. Title			Pub. Ind. Title			Pub. Ind. Title		
	MANUFACTURING			MINING			METAL MINING			BIT. COAL & QUARRYING			OIL & GAS EXTRACTION			CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS		
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Jan.	326.98	39.3	8.32	466.21	41.7	11.18	482.41	38.5	12.53	613.66	44.5	13.79	399.59	40.9	9.77	511.87	43.9	11.66
Feb.	329.26	38.6	8.53	476.70	42.4	11.29	524.34	40.9	12.82	625.74	44.6	14.03	406.85	41.6	9.78	515.30	42.1	12.24
March	334.38	39.2	8.53	474.33	42.2	11.24	500.00	40.0	12.50	616.88	44.0	14.02	408.10	41.6	9.81	505.91	41.4	12.22
April	329.09	38.4	8.57	474.44	41.4	11.46	511.92	40.5	12.64	613.32	42.8	14.33	405.73	40.9	9.92	514.98	41.8	12.32
May	345.35	38.5	8.97	467.40	41.0	11.40	516.91	42.3	12.22	626.78	43.8	14.31	389.66	39.6	9.84	507.17	41.1	12.34
June	334.84	38.8	8.63	477.10	41.2	11.58	481.65	39.0	12.35	641.96	44.0	14.59	400.39	40.2	9.96	516.06	42.3	12.20
July	298.43	34.5	8.65	472.56	41.2	11.47	425.95	34.8	12.24	644.84	43.6	14.79	405.14	40.8	9.93	512.08	41.7	12.28
August	317.53	37.4	8.49	474.81	39.9	11.90	487.91	39.7	12.29	672.14	45.6	14.74	391.04	37.6	10.40	510.85	41.6	12.28
Sept.	311.45	36.3	8.58	448.88	37.5	11.97	477.12	38.2	12.49	667.38	45.4	14.70	351.23	34.1	10.30	534.80	43.8	12.21
Oct.	312.28	37.0	8.44	455.34	37.6	12.11	437.54	35.4	12.36	663.80	44.7	14.85	370.27	34.8	10.64	518.72	41.9	12.38
Nov.	306.49	36.1	8.49	467.19	38.2	12.23	429.28	33.2	12.93	674.52	44.7	15.09	384.84	36.0	10.69	567.24	44.7	12.69
Dec.	298.89	36.9	8.10	470.53	38.6	12.19	547.21	41.9	13.06	669.04	43.9	15.24	382.63	36.2	10.57	595.89	46.7	12.76
Annual Average	320.73	37.6	8.53	469.13	40.2	11.67	485.30	38.7	12.54	644.12	44.3	14.54	392.03	38.7	10.13	526.44	42.8	12.30

Month	Pub. Ind. Title			Pub. Ind. Title			Pub. Ind. Title			Pub. Ind. Title			Pub. Ind. Title			Pub. Ind. Title		
	OIL & GAS FIELD SERVICES																	
	Series Code 113805			Series Code			Series Code			Series Code			Series Code			Series Code		
	Card 4 AWE	Card 5 AWH	Card 6 AHE	Card 4 AWE	Card 5 AWH	Card 6 AHE	Card 4 AWE	Card 5 AWH	Card 6 AHE	Card 4 AWE	Card 5 AWH	Card 6 AHE	Card 4 AWE	Card 5 AWH	Card 6 AHE	Card 4 AWE	Card 5 AWH	Card 6 AHE
Jan.	383.11	40.8	9.39															
Feb.	388.44	41.5	9.36															
March	392.18	41.5	9.45															
April	388.28	40.7	9.54															
May	371.54	39.4	9.43															
June	380.49	39.8	9.56															
July	387.06	40.7	9.51															
August	370.02	37.3	9.92															
Sept.	319.79	32.4	9.87															
Oct.	346.80	34.0	10.20															
Nov.	355.00	34.6	10.26															
Dec.	346.75	34.4	10.08															
Annual Average	369.95	38.1	9.71															

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1982

COUNTY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average
Statewide	241,619	243,346	244,928	249,398	256,320	267,741	258,040	258,066	260,817	255,282	251,702	248,744	253,000
Albany	13,162	13,293	13,428	13,178	13,615	13,566	12,794	13,024	13,478	13,560	13,706	13,437	13,353
Big Horn	5,524	5,697	5,817	5,818	5,956	6,388	5,840	5,913	6,133	6,058	6,058	5,997	5,933
Campbell	18,379	18,666	18,722	20,546	21,120	21,543	21,016	21,165	21,091	20,951	20,794	20,759	20,396
Carbon	9,813	9,843	9,950	10,364	10,602	11,011	10,361	10,192	10,459	10,167	10,165	10,293	10,268
Converse	7,439	7,330	7,364	7,642	7,842	8,008	7,776	7,832	7,876	7,686	7,607	7,552	7,663
Crook	2,265	2,357	2,413	2,547	2,589	2,829	2,554	2,532	2,693	2,567	2,462	2,453	2,522
Fremont	17,227	17,348	17,433	17,551	18,034	18,259	17,702	17,628	17,390	17,555	16,831	16,840	17,483
Goshen	5,581	5,817	5,577	6,014	6,268	6,508	5,857	5,943	6,264	6,185	5,999	5,869	5,990
Hot Springs	2,458	2,488	2,579	2,679	2,770	2,801	2,565	2,580	2,734	2,680	2,584	2,538	2,621
Johnson	3,303	3,382	3,511	3,643	3,756	4,132	3,649	3,648	3,867	3,695	3,605	3,523	3,643
Laramie	31,561	31,531	31,755	32,282	32,669	33,846	32,229	31,810	32,212	32,733	32,258	32,097	32,249
Lincoln	5,270	5,381	5,307	5,460	5,663	6,116	5,752	5,672	5,951	5,825	5,740	5,696	5,653
Natrona	43,360	43,378	43,681	42,897	43,129	44,213	43,341	42,817	43,595	42,719	43,274	42,166	43,214
Niobrara	1,112	1,201	1,233	1,386	1,439	1,534	1,425	1,429	1,442	1,359	1,335	1,233	1,344
Park	10,967	10,960	11,172	11,932	13,059	15,631	15,395	15,614	14,523	12,877	12,018	11,739	12,991
Platte	4,074	4,039	4,015	4,140	4,614	4,577	4,260	4,194	4,306	4,105	4,016	3,859	4,183
Sheridan	11,129	11,373	11,442	11,673	12,001	12,246	11,858	12,121	12,390	12,329	12,040	11,862	11,872
Sublette	2,042	2,161	2,144	2,293	2,480	2,724	2,583	2,619	2,830	2,731	2,636	2,472	2,476
Sweetwater	23,513	23,704	24,094	23,851	24,378	24,367	23,943	24,085	24,288	24,176	23,656	23,761	23,985
Teton	6,072	6,029	6,024	5,832	6,201	8,867	9,070	9,336	8,736	6,869	6,747	6,634	7,202
Uinta	8,920	8,812	8,775	9,091	9,371	9,626	9,369	9,293	9,545	9,644	9,545	9,502	9,291
Washakie	4,907	5,025	4,886	4,951	4,990	5,290	5,129	5,063	5,216	5,102	4,985	4,942	5,041
Weston	3,540	3,532	3,606	3,628	3,773	3,661	3,569	3,555	3,798	3,709	3,641	3,520	3,628
CASPER CITY	31,105	31,118	31,343	30,790	30,961	31,754	31,140	30,774	31,339	30,709	31,131	30,351	31,043

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EMPLOYMENT 1982

COUNTY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average
Statewide	229,253	230,638	232,259	235,611	242,559	252,919	242,733	242,728	245,932	238,482	233,880	229,007	238,000
Albany	12,507	12,545	12,693	12,467	12,943	12,950	12,212	12,468	12,936	12,922	12,966	12,566	12,681
Big Horn	5,321	5,468	5,550	5,469	5,557	5,940	5,305	5,389	5,618	5,579	5,572	5,400	5,514
Campbell	17,616	17,984	17,990	19,712	20,337	20,609	20,043	20,151	20,121	19,851	19,711	19,566	19,474
Carbon	9,316	9,271	9,178	9,289	9,533	10,027	9,420	9,395	9,706	9,473	9,273	9,176	9,421
Converse	7,088	6,966	7,001	7,198	7,347	7,518	7,321	7,357	7,403	7,171	7,064	6,979	7,201
Crook	2,134	2,213	2,257	2,415	2,480	2,717	2,462	2,453	2,600	2,444	2,324	2,278	2,398
Fremont	16,055	16,172	16,269	16,410	16,866	16,791	15,731	15,733	16,147	15,684	15,410	15,303	16,048
Goshen	5,293	5,382	5,250	5,727	5,984	6,175	5,608	5,686	5,987	5,907	5,714	5,544	5,688
Hot Springs	2,363	2,383	2,469	2,555	2,625	2,640	2,413	2,461	2,594	2,550	2,463	2,397	2,493
Johnson	3,048	3,118	3,263	3,436	3,561	3,937	3,464	3,471	3,657	3,494	3,380	3,252	3,423
Laramie	29,813	29,779	30,123	30,462	31,001	32,180	30,828	30,531	30,907	30,913	30,296	30,017	30,571
Lincoln	4,624	4,721	4,736	4,871	5,141	5,552	5,168	5,130	5,398	5,170	5,043	4,907	5,038
Natrona	41,808	41,781	41,932	40,949	41,044	41,699	40,569	39,812	40,375	39,578	39,520	38,080	40,596
Niobrara	1,062	1,128	1,159	1,319	1,344	1,448	1,323	1,326	1,358	1,289	1,244	1,174	1,265
Park	10,517	10,498	10,760	11,422	12,477	14,970	14,750	14,940	13,806	12,199	11,351	10,987	12,390
Platte	3,753	3,760	3,761	3,873	4,319	4,243	3,944	3,918	4,054	3,814	3,700	3,496	3,886
Sheridan	10,336	10,504	10,587	10,922	11,333	11,565	11,247	11,379	11,625	11,292	11,092	10,773	11,055
Sublette	1,997	2,098	2,090	2,209	2,401	2,618	2,481	2,505	2,700	2,606	2,528	2,358	2,383
Sweetwater	22,405	22,669	23,076	22,776	23,189	23,059	22,577	22,596	22,896	22,736	22,081	21,985	22,670
Teton	5,622	5,528	5,547	5,245	5,738	8,590	8,853	9,102	8,451	6,412	6,136	6,011	6,770
Uinta	8,473	8,537	8,482	8,748	9,019	9,203	8,879	8,826	9,080	9,090	8,947	8,843	8,844
Washakie	4,704	4,740	4,647	4,699	4,746	5,023	4,796	4,758	4,938	4,834	4,695	4,642	4,769
Weston	3,399	3,393	3,440	3,436	3,574	3,466	3,339	3,341	3,574	3,473	3,369	3,273	3,423
CASPER CITY .715958	29,933	29,913	30,022	29,318	29,386	29,855	29,046	28,504	28,907	28,336	28,295	27,264	29,065

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UNEMPLOYMENT 1982

COUNTY	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average
Statewide	12,366	12,708	12,669	13,787	13,761	14,822	15,307	15,338	14,885	16,800	17,822	19,737	15,000
Albany	655	748	735	711	672	616	582	556	542	638	740	871	672
Big Horn	203	229	267	349	399	448	535	524	515	479	486	597	419
Campbell	763	682	732	834	783	934	973	1,014	970	1,100	1,083	1,193	922
Carbon	497	572	772	1,075	1,069	984	941	797	753	694	892	1,117	847
Converse	351	364	363	444	495	490	455	475	473	515	543	573	462
Crook	131	144	156	132	109	112	92	79	93	123	138	175	124
Fremont	1,172	1,176	1,164	1,141	1,168	1,468	1,971	1,895	1,243	1,871	1,421	1,537	1,436
Goshen	288	435	327	287	284	333	249	257	277	278	285	325	302
Hot Springs	95	105	110	124	145	161	152	119	140	130	121	141	129
Johnson	255	264	248	207	195	195	185	177	210	201	225	271	219
Laramie	1,748	1,752	1,632	1,820	1,668	1,666	1,401	1,279	1,305	1,820	1,962	2,080	1,678
Lincoln	646	660	571	589	522	564	584	542	553	655	697	789	614
Natrona	1,552	1,597	1,749	1,948	2,085	2,514	2,772	3,005	3,220	3,141	3,754	4,086	2,619
Niobrara	50	73	74	67	95	86	102	103	84	70	91	59	80
Park	450	462	412	510	582	661	645	674	717	678	667	752	601
Platte	321	279	254	267	295	334	316	276	252	291	316	363	297
Sheridan	793	869	855	751	668	681	611	742	765	1,037	948	1,089	817
Sublette	45	63	54	84	79	106	102	114	130	125	108	114	94
Sweetwater	1,108	1,035	1,018	1,075	1,189	1,308	1,366	1,489	1,392	1,440	1,575	1,776	1,314
Teton	450	501	477	587	463	277	217	234	285	457	611	623	432
Uinta	447	275	293	343	352	423	490	467	465	554	598	659	447
Washakie	203	285	239	252	244	267	333	305	278	268	290	300	272
Weston	141	139	166	192	199	195	230	214	224	236	272	247	205
CASPER CITY .75541	1,172	1,206	1,321	1,472	1,575	1,899	2,094	2,270	2,432	2,373	2,836	3,087	1,978

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UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE

1982

COUNTY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average
Statewide	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.7	6.6	7.1	7.9	5.8
Albany	5.0	5.6	5.5	5.4	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.7	5.4	6.5	5.0
Big Horn	3.7	4.0	4.6	6.0	6.7	7.0	9.2	8.9	8.4	7.9	8.0	10.0	7.1
Campbell	4.2	3.7	3.9	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.6	5.3	5.2	5.7	4.5
Carbon	5.1	5.8	7.8	10.4	10.1	8.9	9.1	7.8	7.2	6.8	8.8	10.9	8.2
Converse	4.7	5.0	4.9	5.8	6.3	6.1	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.7	7.1	7.6	6.0
Crook	5.8	6.1	6.5	5.2	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.1	3.5	4.8	5.6	7.1	4.9
Fremont	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.5	8.0	11.1	10.7	7.1	10.7	8.4	9.1	8.2
Goshen	5.2	7.5	5.9	4.8	4.5	5.1	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.5	5.0
Hot Springs	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.6	5.2	5.7	5.9	4.6	5.1	4.9	4.7	5.6	4.9
Johnson	7.7	7.8	7.1	5.7	5.2	4.7	5.1	4.9	5.4	5.4	6.2	7.7	6.0
Laramie	5.5	5.6	5.1	5.6	5.1	4.9	4.3	4.0	4.1	5.6	6.1	6.5	5.2
Lincoln	12.3	12.3	10.8	10.8	9.2	9.2	10.2	9.6	9.3	11.2	12.1	13.9	10.9
Natrona	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.5	4.8	5.7	6.4	7.0	7.4	7.4	8.7	9.7	6.1
Niobrara	4.5	6.1	6.0	4.8	6.6	5.6	7.2	7.2	5.8	5.2	6.8	4.8	6.0
Park	4.1	4.2	3.7	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.9	5.3	5.6	6.4	4.6
Platte	7.9	6.9	6.3	6.4	6.4	7.3	7.4	6.6	5.9	7.1	7.9	9.4	7.1
Sheridan	7.1	7.6	7.5	6.4	5.6	5.6	5.2	6.1	6.2	8.4	7.9	9.2	6.9
Sublette	2.2	2.9	2.5	3.7	3.2	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.6	3.8
Sweetwater	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.9	5.4	5.7	6.2	5.7	6.0	6.7	7.5	5.5
Teton	7.4	8.3	7.9	10.1	7.5	3.1	2.4	2.5	3.3	6.7	9.1	9.4	6.0
Uinta	5.0	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.8	4.4	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.7	6.3	6.9	4.8
Washakie	4.1	5.7	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.0	6.5	6.0	5.3	5.3	5.8	6.1	5.4
Weston	4.0	3.9	4.6	5.3	5.3	5.3	6.4	6.0	5.9	6.4	7.5	7.0	5.7
CASPER CITY	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.8	5.1	6.0	6.7	7.4	7.8	7.7	9.1	10.2	6.4

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** Percentage change from month to month

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN. AVG.	ANN. AVG. INCREASE (PERCENT)
1967	98.6	98.7	98.9	99.1	99.4	99.7	100.2	100.5	100.7	101.0	101.3	101.6	100.0	2.9
1968	102.0	102.3	102.8	103.1	103.4	104.0	104.5	104.8	105.1	105.7	106.1	106.4	104.2	4.2
1969	106.7	107.1	108.0	108.7	109.0	109.7	110.2	110.7	111.2	111.6	112.2	112.9	109.8	5.4
1970	113.3	113.9	114.5	115.2	115.7	116.3	116.7	116.9	117.5	118.1	118.5	119.1	116.3	5.9
1971	119.2	119.4	119.8	120.2	120.8	121.5	121.8	122.1	122.2	122.4	122.6	123.1	121.3	4.3
1972	123.2	123.8	124.0	124.3	124.7	125.0	125.5	125.7	126.2	126.6	126.9	127.3	125.3	3.3
1973	127.7	128.6	129.8	130.7	131.5	132.4	132.7	135.1	135.5	136.6	137.6	138.5	133.1	6.2
1974	139.7	141.5	143.1	143.9	145.5	146.9	148.0	149.9	151.7	153.0	154.3	155.4	147.7	11.0
1975	156.1	157.2	157.8	158.6	159.3	160.6	162.3	162.8	163.6	164.6	165.6	166.3	161.2	9.1
1976	166.7	167.1	167.5	168.2	169.2	170.1	171.1	171.9	172.6	173.3	173.8	174.3	170.5	5.8
1977	175.3	177.1	178.2	179.6	180.6	181.8	182.6	183.3	184.0	184.5	185.4	186.1	181.5	6.5
1978	187.2	188.4	189.8	191.5	193.3	195.3	196.7	197.8	199.3	200.9	202.0	202.9	195.4	7.7
1979	204.7	207.1	209.1	211.5	214.1	216.6	218.9	221.1	223.4	225.4	227.5	229.9	217.4	11.3
1980	233.2	236.4	239.8	242.5	244.9	247.6	247.8	249.4	251.7	253.9	256.2	258.4	246.8	13.5
1981	260.5	263.2	265.1	266.8	269.0	271.3	274.4	276.5	279.3	279.9	280.7	281.5	272.4	10.4
1982	282.5	283.4	283.1	284.3	287.1	290.6	292.2	292.8	293.3	294.1	293.6	292.4	289.1	6.1
*	8.4	7.7	6.8	6.6	6.7	7.1	6.5	5.9	5.0	5.1	4.6	3.9		
**	0.4	0.3	- 0.1	0.4	1.0	1.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	- 0.2	- 0.4		

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NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT STILL HIGH

The national First Quarter 1983 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 10.4 percent, compared to 8.8 percent in the same quarter last year. The number of unemployed people in March exceeded 11.4 million, up almost 1.5 million from the March 1982 level. The number of long term unemployed, those people out of work for 15 weeks or more, was 4.6 million in March compared to 3.1 million a year ago, with an average duration of 19.1 weeks. The number of discouraged workers, people who want to work but are not looking for jobs because they believe they could not find any, remained at 1.8 million in the First Quarter 1983 compared to 1.3 million in the First Quarter of 1982. The seasonally adjusted U.S. unemployment rate reached 10.3 percent for March, compared to 9.0 percent for a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT GROWS IN WYOMING

The First Quarter 1983 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 9.3 percent for Wyoming, up from the Fourth Quarter average of 7.1 percent and First Quarter 1982 average of 4.5 percent. The reduction in demand for energy products and housing has had an adverse effect on most primary and secondary industries. Many firms have reduced the number of employees, and for some the impact has been so bad that they have closed their doors.

Recent claims activities have shown a leveling off or a slight decline which would suggest that an improvement in the state's economy may be seen in the near future.

UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS NEAR 28,000 IN MARCH

Nearly 28,000 persons were without jobs in March, a record high for the state. The number of unemployed 27,975 was 121 percent above the 12,669 who were out of work in March, 1982. The unemployment benefits paid during the month totaled about $ 11.5 million for 76,000 jobless weeks compared to $ 4.0 million and 29,300 weeks, for March last year. March weekly benefits averaged $ 151.51. Benefits paid during the first quarter totaled $ 28.8 million.

In March, Wyoming ranked 18th in the nation with a 10.9 percent unadjusted unemployment rate. This compared to the ranking of 36th for the month of December 1982. Of the surrounding states: Idaho at 12.7 percent has a higher rate than Wyoming, while South Dakota, Nebraska, Utah, Colorado, and Montana have rates lower than Wyoming with 6.9, 7.1, 9.6, 9.9, and 9.9 respectively. West Virginia and Michigan have the Nation's highest rates of 20.1 and 17.0 percent respectively. Hawaii at 5.8 percent, together with South Dakota and Kansas each at 6.9 percent, have the lowest rates.

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Note the trends when comparing the total unadjusted unemployment rates for Wyoming and the U.S.A. for the past 10 months.

	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
WYO	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.7	6.6	7.1	7.9	9.9	10.9	10.9
USA	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.9	10.4	10.5	11.4	11.3	10.8

COVERED WORKERS EARN $18,400 A YEAR

Recently compiled employer contributions data for Fourth Quarter 1982, shows the statewide average weekly wage at $354, or $18,408 a year. This is for 16,442 firms employing 196,800 workers covered by the Wyoming Employment Security Act. This quarterly wage is up 1.5 percent from the $349 average weekly wage for Fourth Quarter 1981. This compares to an annual increase between Fourth Quarter 1981 and Fourth Quarter 1980 of $28 per week, or 8.8 percent.

Covered workers in Campbell County averaged $485 a week, or $25,220 a year in wages; over-the-year, the average weekly wage increased $24, or 5 percent. Other counties following Campbell are: Sweetwater, $427 a week, Uinta, $405, Natrona, $382 and Converse, $380 a week. Teton and Goshen counties had the lowest weekly wage at $241 a week. Normally, those areas that are active in energy related industries have the highest wages and those that are primarily agricultural and trade oriented have the lowest incomes.

The 32,200 covered employees in the mining industry averaged $568 for their weekly wage, with coal miners earning $684 and trona miners $643. Retail trade employees had weekly earnings of $190.

WYOMING FIRST QUARTER 1983 LABOR FORCE UP, UNEMPLOYMENT ALSO UP

The average First Quarter 1983 labor force, at 250,727 was about 3 percent above the same quarter 1982. The labor force decreased 1,182 from the Fourth Quarter 1982 amount of 251,909. Since 1972, the state labor force has grown until the summer of 1982, when slow downs in a number of industries reversed this trend.

March 1983 unemployment reached a high of 27,975 for a rate of 10.9 percent, an all-time record since the depression of the 1930's. This compares to a March 1982 rate of 5.2 percent. The number of employed persons dropped to 228,681, about 3,600 below the number working in March 1982. This together with the fact that the labor force (which includes those people looking for work) has increased by 11,700 accounts for such a dramatic rise in the unemployment rate. Annual employment declines were recorded in all major industries except government. Wholesale trade employment suffered a decline of 16 percent, which was the most of the major industries within the state. Energy related industries lost employees as well as trade and service industries. See Table 3 for additional information.

COUNTY LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT

All 23 counties had recorded increases in their total unemployment figures between the First Quarters of 1982 and 1983. All counties except Natrona and Platte had increases in their labor forces in the past year. Those counties registering significant increases in their labor forces were Uinta, Sublette, Big Horn, Teton, and Campbell.

The labor force of five counties: Natrona, Laramie, Sweetwater, Campbell, and Fremont totaled 140,005, or 55 percent of the state's entire labor force. Those same counties account for 15,027 unemployed persons, again nearly 55 percent of the state's total unemployment.

Natrona County had 5,359 jobless or 12.5 percent in March, while Laramie County had over 2,700 or 8.1 percent of their labor force out of work for the same period. Twelve other counties had rates that equaled or exceeded the state's overall rate of 10.9 percent.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The highest industrial wages reported in Wyoming for March, according to our current employment survey, were in coal mining with an average weekly wage of $673.80 or nearly $35,038 per year. Further detail is available on Table 4.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - DECEMBER 1982

INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	WYOMING
Manufacturing	$ 346.50	$ 298.69
Mining	459.50	479.18
Construction	431.70	I.N.A.
Trans. & Public Utilities	411.09	I.N.A.
Trade	204.16	I.N.A.
Finance. Ins. & Real Estate	259.56	I.N.A.
Services	233.74	I.N.A.

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ALL URBAN

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
March 1983	293.4	290.5	318.6	233.6	194.5	287.4	352.3
Annual % Change	3.6	2.7	3.9	6.4	1.8	0.8	10.5

WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
March 1983	293.0	290.7	319.2	233.1	194.0	288.6	350.0
Annual % Change	3.7	2.7	4.2	6.4	1.8	0.7	10.3

PLEASE HELP IMPROVE OUR DATA

Much of the information that is contained in this report is based on labor market information that is furnished to us by employers on a voluntary basis. This data is used in cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in which employment and unemployment statistics are compiled and published for certain industries and areas. Many employers have refused or have discontinued to participate in these programs. This has resulted in the deterioration in the quality of data that is published.

We ask your assistance in the improvement of the quality of our statistics, by participating in our current employment statistics program. Monthly reports from each employer are kept confidential and data is published only in summary form. In this time of economic stress, more business firms and government agencies are interested in labor force information - we hope to make ours the best available. If you are not now supplying us data - we ask that you please begin.

For further information concerning your participation in this program, please call (307) 235-3644.

TABLE 1
SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO MAR 1983 FROM		
	MAR 1983	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982
SELECTED CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT DATA							
Employed Labor Force	228,681	223,404	220,585	232,259	2.4	3.7	- 1.5
a) Covered Employment 2/	191,900	191,600	192,000	204,128	0.2	- 0.1	- 6.0
b) Agriculture 3/	10,475	9,790	8,158	10,670	7.0	28.4	- 1.8
Total Unemployment Rate-WYO	10.9%	10.9%	9.9%	5.2%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	10.1%	9.4%	8.3%	4.8%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Total Unemployment Rate-U.S.A.	10.8%	11.1%	11.4%	9.3%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	10.3%	10.4%	10.4%	9.0%	XXX	XXX	XXX
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE							
Claims Filed in Local Offices	74,082	57,664	56,013	32,628	28.5	32.3	127.1
a) Initial - Regular	5,869	4,104	5,677	3,744	43.0	3.4	56.8
Weeks Compensated	75,984	58,612	55,198	29,260	29.6	37.7	159.7
Total Amount Benefits Paid	$11,512,119	$8,859,739	$8,410,146	$4,003,362	29.9	36.9	187.6
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	$ 151.51	$ 151.16	$ 152.36	$ 136.82	0.2	- 0.6	10.7
Insured Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	6.5%	6.6%	6.1%	3.3%	XXX	XXX	XXX
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE							
New Applications Received	4,845	3,725	4,400	5,228	30.1	10.1	- 7.3
Non-Agri. Openings Received	2,126	1,316	1,282	2,743	61.6	65.8	- 22.5
Non-Agri. Placements	1,846	1,128	1,132	2,322	63.7	63.1	- 20.5
PRICE INDEXES - 1967=100							
Consumer Price Index							
All Urban - All Items	293.4	293.2	293.1	283.1	0.1	0.1	3.6
Wage Earners & Clerical Workers	293.0	292.3	291.1	282.5	0.2	0.7	3.7
Commodity Prices, Wholesale	300.5	301.2	300.0	298.0	- 0.2	0.2	0.8
Retail Prices of Food	290.5	289.0	288.1	283.0	0.5	0.8	2.7

1/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures. 2/ Covered under Wyoming U.I Law, not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey. 3/ Not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey.

TABLE 2-A
WYOMING TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO MAR 1983 FROM		
	MAR 1983	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982
Statewide	256,656	250,650	244,874	244,928	2.4	4.8	4.8
Albany	13,985	13,479	13,407	13,428	3.8	4.3	4.1
Big Horn	6,509	6,372	6,276	5,817	2.2	3.7	11.9
Campbell	20,656	20,291	19,970	18,722	1.8	3.4	10.3
Carbon	9,971	9,788	9,852	9,950	1.9	1.2	0.2
Converse	7,740	7,590	7,662	7,364	2.0	1.0	5.1
Crook	2,548	2,461	2,324	2,413	3.5	9.6	5.6
Fremont	18,229	17,618	16,931	17,433	3.5	7.7	4.6
Goshen	5,786	5,751	5,377	5,577	0.6	7.6	3.7
Hot Springs	2,740	2,674	2,581	2,579	2.5	6.2	6.2
Johnson	3,829	3,596	3,431	3,511	6.5	11.6	9.1
Laramie	33,152	32,304	32,242	31,755	2.6	2.8	4.4
Lincoln	5,614	5,607	5,408	5,307	0.1	3.8	5.8
Natrona	43,038	42,408	41,469	43,681	1.5	3.8	- 1.5
Niobrara	1,345	1,223	1,133	1,233	10.0	18.7	9.1
Park	11,826	11,644	11,478	11,172	1.6	3.0	5.9
Platte	3,992	3,798	3,687	4,015	5.1	8.3	- 0.6
Sheridan	12,054	11,953	11,562	11,442	0.8	4.3	5.3
Sublette	2,464	2,372	2,202	2,144	3.9	11.9	14.9
Sweetwater	24,930	24,129	23,270	24,094	3.3	7.1	3.5
Teton	6,691	6,598	6,781	6,024	1.4	- 1.3	11.1
Uinta	10,669	10,327	9,538	8,775	3.3	11.9	21.6
Washakie	5,088	5,118	4,894	4,886	- 0.6	4.0	4.1
Weston	3,797	3,546	3,401	3,606	7.1	11.6	5.3

1/ Latest month data is subject to revision. Prior month's data are revised figures.

TABLE 2-B
WYOMING TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATES			
	MAR 1983	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982	MAR 1983	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982
Statewide	27,975	27,246	24,289	12,669	10.9	10.9	9.9	5.2
Albany	1,190	1,073	1,129	735	8.5	8.0	8.4	5.5
Big Horn	796	852	692	267	12.2	13.4	11.0	4.6
Campbell	1,931	1,831	1,497	732	9.3	9.0	7.5	3.9
Carbon	1,418	1,325	1,215	772	14.2	13.5	12.3	7.8
Converse	894	860	745	363	11.6	11.3	9.7	4.9
Crook	257	245	208	156	10.1	10.0	9.0	6.5
Fremont	2,442	2,258	1,980	1,164	13.4	12.8	11.7	6.7
Goshen	529	504	414	327	9.1	8.8	7.7	5.9
Hot Springs	232	303	250	110	8.5	11.3	9.7	4.3
Johnson	449	449	416	248	11.7	12.5	12.1	7.1
Laramie	2,679	2,711	2,487	1,632	8.1	8.4	7.7	5.1
Lincoln	1,084	1,194	980	571	19.3	21.3	18.1	10.8
Natrona	5,359	4,998	4,913	1,749	12.5	11.8	11.8	4.0
Niobrara	141	106	124	74	10.5	8.7	10.9	6.0
Park	998	1,269	1,074	412	8.4	10.9	9.4	3.7
Platte	443	422	417	254	11.1	11.1	11.3	6.3
Sheridan	1,309	1,391	1,275	855	10.9	11.6	11.0	7.5
Sublette	294	251	174	54	11.9	10.6	7.9	2.5
Sweetwater	2,616	2,605	2,222	1,018	10.5	10.8	9.5	4.2
Teton	874	858	713	477	13.1	13.0	10.5	7.9
Uinta	1,103	887	687	293	10.3	8.6	7.2	3.3
Washakie	465	500	348	239	9.1	9.8	7.1	4.9
Weston	470	353	331	166	12.4	10.0	9.7	4.6

TABLE 3
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO MAR 1983 FROM		
	MAR 1983	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982
WYOMING							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	205.2	205.2	205.9	213.2	0.0	- 0.3	- 3.8
Manufacturing	8.8	8.7	9.1	8.8	1.1	- 3.3	0.0
Durable Goods	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.8	2.5	2.5	7.9
Lumber & Wood Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	33.3
Other Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.6	3.6	0.0
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.0	0.0	- 7.8	- 6.0
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.1	- 9.1	- 33.3	- 9.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	- 23.5
Other Nondurables	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	4.3	4.3	9.1
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	196.4	196.5	196.8	204.4	- 0.1	- 0.2	- 3.9
Mining	36.0	36.5	36.9	37.3	- 1.4	- 2.4	- 3.5
Metal Mining	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	0.0	- 3.3
Bit. Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining	10.6	10.7	10.9	11.2	- 0.9	- 2.8	- 5.4
Oil & Gas Extraction	22.5	22.9	23.1	23.1	- 1.7	- 2.6	- 2.6
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.4	- 2.0	0.0	11.4
Oil Field Services	17.6	17.9	18.2	18.7	- 1.7	- 3.3	- 5.9
Contract Construction	15.8	14.5	13.8	16.7	9.0	14.5	- 5.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	16.1	16.2	16.6	18.1	- 0.6	- 3.0	- 11.0
Railroad Transportation	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	0.0	0.0	- 8.3
Transportation except Railroads	5.8	5.8	6.2	6.7	0.0	- 6.5	- 13.4
Comm., Elect., Gas & Sani. Serv.	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.8	- 1.4	- 1.4	- 10.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade	44.8	45.4	46.2	48.3	- 1.3	- 3.0	- 7.2
Wholesale Trade	9.7	9.8	9.8	11.5	- 1.0	- 1.0	- 15.7
Retail Trade	35.1	35.6	36.4	36.8	- 1.4	- 3.6	- 4.6
Ret. Gen. Mdse., App. & Access. Stores	4.8	5.1	5.3	4.9	- 5.9	- 9.4	- 2.0
Food Stores	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.0	0.0	- 1.9	4.0
Automotive Dealers & Serv. Stat.	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.1	0.0	- 1.7	- 6.6
Eating & Drinking Places	12.1	12.3	12.6	13.2	- 1.6	- 4.0	- 8.3
Other Retail Trade	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.6	0.0	- 1.4	- 3.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.7	0.0	- 1.3	- 1.3

(See Footnotes at End of Table)

TABLE 3 - Continued
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO MAR 1983 FROM		
	MAR 1983	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982
Services	29.2	29.7	29.7	32.1	- 1.7	- 1.7	- 9.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.6	4.8	4.8	6.3	- 4.2	- 4.2	- 27.0
Personal Services	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.7	0.0	7.1	- 11.8
Medical & Other Health Services	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.9	1.8	0.0	- 1.7
Other Services	17.3	17.7	17.7	18.2	- 2.3	- 2.3	- 4.9
Government	46.9	46.6	45.9	44.2	0.6	2.2	6.1
Federal Government	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8	1.4	2.9	4.4
State & Local Government	39.8	39.6	39.0	37.4	0.5	2.1	6.4
State Government	10.2	10.1	10.0	10.1	1.0	2.0	1.0
Local Government	29.6	29.5	29.0	27.3	0.3	2.1	8.4
CASPER (Natrona County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	37.0	37.4	36.9	42.7	- 1.1	0.3	- 13.3
Manufacturing	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.1	0.0	0.0	- 38.1
Durable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.0	0.0	- 60.0
Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	- 18.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	25.0	25.0	- 28.6
Other Nondurables	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	- 20.0	- 20.0	0.0
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	35.7	36.1	35.6	40.6	- 1.1	0.3	- 12.1
Mining	6.0	6.3	6.4	9.2	- 4.8	- 6.2	- 34.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	5.5	5.8	5.9	8.6	- 5.2	- 6.8	- 36.0
Other Mining, Quarrying, etc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	- 16.7
Contract Construction	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.2	5.4	8.3	21.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.0	4.0	0.0	- 13.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade	9.6	9.7	9.5	11.3	- 1.0	1.1	- 15.0
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.8	3.8	5.0	2.6	2.6	- 22.0
Retail Trade	5.7	5.9	5.7	6.3	- 3.4	0.0	- 9.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	5.7	6.1	5.7	6.5	- 6.6	0.0	- 12.3
Government	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.6	1.7	1.7	8.9
Federal Government	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
State & Local Government	5.3	5.2	5.2	4.8	1.9	1.9	10.4

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TABLE 3 - Continued
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO MAR 1983 FROM		
	MAR 1983	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982	FEB 1983	JAN 1983	MAR 1982
CHEYENNE (Laramie County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	29.4	29.1	29.6	29.8	1.0	- 0.7	- 1.3
Manufacturing	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.0	7.1	7.1
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	27.9	27.6	28.2	28.4	1.1	- 1.1	- 1.8
Contract Construction	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.5	15.4	15.4	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.3	0.0	0.0	- 11.6
Wholesale & Retail Trade	7.3	7.3	7.6	6.9	0.0	- 3.9	5.8
Wholesale Trade	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.0	0.0	- 6.2	50.0
Retail Trade	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.9	0.0	- 3.3	- 1.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	0.0	- 6.7	- 6.7
Services & Miscellaneous	4.4	4.3	4.6	5.0	2.3	- 4.3	- 12.0
Government	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.2	0.0	1.1	3.3
Federal Government	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.0	4.3
State & Local Government	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.9	0.0	1.4	2.9

1/ Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 2/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures.

TABLE 4
AVERAGE NON-FARM HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS IN WYOMING AND THE U.S.A.

INDUSTRY AREA	MAR 1983[P]	FEB 1983[P]	Jan 1983	Mar 1982
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - U.S.A.				
Manufacturing	$ 346.50	$ 339.11	$ 341.43	$ 327.27
Mining	459.50	467.10	478.98	465.16
Construction	431.70	422.68	437.55	419.21
Trans. & Pub. Utilities	411.09	408.66	409.43	392.73
Trade	204.16	199.92	202.22	194.66
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	259.54	260.64	263.90	239.22
Services	233.74	232.63	234.39	220.03
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - WYOMING				
Manufacturing	$ 289.69	$ 278.46	$ 296.57	$ 334.38
Mining	479.18	480.35	494.46	474.33
Metal Mining	417.69	424.89	457.18	500.00
Bit. Coal, Quarrying, Etc.	673.80	683.02	697.50	616.88
Oil & Gas Extraction	397.38	397.19	412.25	408.10
Crude Pet. & Nat. Gas	563.60	572.86	710.06	505.91
Oil & Gas Field Services	367.78	366.30	358.54	392.18
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	39.6	38.8	39.2	39.1
Manufacturing - Wyoming	35.9	34.0	36.3	39.2
Mining - U.S.A.	41.1	41.3	42.5	43.8
Mining - Wyoming	39.7	39.6	40.2	42.2
Metal Mining	35.1	34.6	36.4	40.0
Bit. Coal, Quarrying, Etc.	44.3	44.7	45.0	44.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	38.1	37.9	38.6	41.6
Crude Pet. & Nat. Gas	42.6	43.3	50.9	41.4
Oil & Gas Field Services	37.3	37.0	36.4	41.5
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	$ 8.75	$ 8.74	$ 8.71	$ 8.37
Manufacturing - Wyoming	8.32	8.19	8.17	8.53
Mining - U.S.A.	11.18	11.31	11.27	10.62
Mining - Wyoming	12.07	12.13	12.30	11.24
Metal Mining	11.90	12.28	12.56	12.50
Bit. Coal, Quarrying, Etc.	15.21	15.28	15.50	14.02
Oil & Gas Extraction	10.43	10.48	10.68	9.81
Crude Pet. & Nat. Gas	13.23	13.23	13.95	12.22
Oil & Gas Field Services	9.86	9.90	9.85	9.45

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WYOMING LABOR FORCE TRENDS

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NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT DIPS TO 10.0 PERCENT

Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. jobless level continued to edge down for the fourth month in a row, in June, at 10.0 percent. The Second Quarter 1983 rate, at an average of 10.1 percent , was down from the First Quarter average of 10.4 percent but up from 9.4 percent during the Second Quarter of 1982. The number of unemployed people in June was almost 11.6 million, up 684,000 from the June 1982 level. The number of long-term unemployed, those people out of work for 27 weeks or more, was nearly 3 million in June and comprised 26 percent of the total jobless. The number of discouraged workers, people who want to work but are not seeking jobs because they believe they can't find any, stood at 1.7 million in June.

In the Nation unemployment has declined steadily this year from last December's recession high of 10.8 percent. The just announced July national rate at 9.5 percent, represented the largest monthly decline in over two decades.

WYOMING UNEMPLOYMENT UP TO NATIONAL AVERAGE

Unlike the Nation, unemployment in Wyoming has increased substantially from last December's seasonally adjusted rate of 7.5 percent. In the Second Quarter of 1983, seasonally adjusted unemployment averaged 10.3 percent, just a bit above the national average, up from the First Quarter average of 9.3 percent and the Second Quarter 1982 average of 5.6 percent. The Wyoming June rate of 9.6 percent, however, dipped below the U.S. rate for the same month, which was 10.0 percent.

Although firm closings and layoffs in the goods producing industries of mining, and manufacturing has slacked off somewhat recently, little rehiring has taken place. A continued reduced demand for energy and housing continues to impact the economy in spite of a slight resurgence in the oil and gas sector. Generally, when business starts to pick up most companies prefer to give existing employees overtime rather than risk hiring new help they may have to let go.

Contract construction is the only industry indicating good growth in Wyoming, up 22 percent over-the-year in June. Heavy construction, primarily highway, is responsible for this upturn.

Trade and services continue to suffer from a reduction of sales, the result being reduced profits or closings.

UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS 26,500 IN JUNE

Over 26,500 persons were without jobs in June in Wyoming, less than the 1983 high of 28,800 recorded in April. The June number of unemployed, at 26,531, was almost 80 percent above the 14,822 out of work in June 1982. The unemployment benefits paid during the month totaled about $8.7 million, down from $11.5 million in March. Benefits paid in June 1982 stood at $4.1 million.

Recent unemployment benefits claims activities indicate a continued slacking off in July and suggest improvements in the state's economy, at least in terms of fewer unemployed.

REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

In May, the latest data available for all states, Wyoming ranked 18th in the Nation with a 10.0 unadjusted unemployment rate. This compares to a ranking of 20th for the month of March. Of the surrounding states: Idaho at 10.5 percent, had a higher rate than Wyoming while South Dakota, Nebraska, Utah, Colorado and Montana have lower rates with 5.0, 6.1, 9.3, 7.8 and 8.1 percent respectively. West Virginia and Michigan have the Nation's highest rates of 18.2 and 14.7 percent. The Dakotas, South and North have the lowest rates of 5.0 and 5.2 percent.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS?

A comparison is made of the total unadjusted unemployment rate for Wyoming and the U.S. for the past 10 months.

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
WYO	5.7	6.6	7.1	7.9	9.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.0	9.5
USA	9.7	9.9	10.4	10.5	11.4	11.3	10.8	10.0	9.8	10.2

WYOMING COVERED WORKERS EARNED $17,983 IN 1982

At $346, the 1982 average covered weekly wage was up 4.8 percent from 1981. In fact in 1981 Wyoming ranked fourth among the states with a $330 average weekly wage, or $17,160. The average weekly wage for all states in 1981 was $302 with Alaska the highest at $488 a week and neighboring South Dakota the lowest at $233.

In 1982 covered workers in Campbell County averaged $464 a week, or $24,128 a year in wages; over-the-year, the average weekly wage increased $36, or 8 percent. Other counties following Campbell are: Sweetwater, $420 a week, Uinta, $386, Natrona, $377 and Converse, $368 a week. Teton County had the lowest weekly wage at $224. Normally, those areas that are active in energy related industries have the highest wages and those that are primarily agricultural and service and trade oriented have the lowest incomes.

The 34,700 covered employees in the mining industry averaged $551 for their weekly wage, with coal miners earning $653 and trona miners $629. Retail trade employees had weekly earnings of $182.

CASPER RANKS FOURTH AMONG THE NATION'S 305 SMSA'S IN PER CAPITA INCOME IN 1981

In 1981, the latest data available for the nation's 305 SMSA'S (Standard

Metropolitan Statistical Area), Casper ranked fourth in per capita income. Listed below is the Casper ranking with the 10 highest SMSA'S. In 1980 Casper ranked third among the SMSA'S.

Per capita income consists of not only wage and salary disbursements (payroll income) but supplemental earnings, proprietors income, rental income, dividends, interest, and government and business payments.

	1981 Per capita personal income	Percent above national average
Midland, TX	$ 16,467	57
Bridgeport-Sanford-Norwalk-Danbury, CT	15,697	50
Anchorage, AK	15,563	48
Casper, WY	14,979	43
San Francisco-Oakland, CA	14,416	37
Washington, DC-MD-VA	14,177	35
Nassau-Suffolk, NY	13,676	30
San Jose, CA	13,529	29
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL	13,337	27
Houston, TX	13,303	27

WYOMING PER CAPITA INCOME RANKS EIGHT IN 1982

In 1982 the Wyoming per capita income, up a meager 2.0 percent annually, continued to rank the highest in the rocky mountain area and was 8th among the states at $11,970. It was 8.3 percent above the national average of $11,056. However, the state fared poorly ranking 47th in annual growth compared to the U.S. gain of 5.3 percent. Listed below is the Wyoming ranking with the 10 highest states.

	Per Capita Income 1982	Gain Over 1981
Alaska	15,200	10.6
Connecticut	13,687	6.9
New Jersey	13,027	7.2
California	12,543	4.8
New York	12,328	7.6
Maryland	12,194	6.5
Illinois	12,162	5.1
Wyoming	11,970	2.0
Massachusetts	11,921	7.1
Delaware	11,796	6.3

WYOMING EMPLOYED LABOR FORCE CONTINUES BELOW LAST YEAR'S LEVEL

While the 1982 Wyoming average employed labor force remained virtually static, after years of phenomenal growth, as compared to 1981, actual declines continue in the numbers of employed individuals in the Second Quarter of this year. Second Quarter 1983 employment, however, declined annually less than one percent, compared to about three percent in the First Quarter.

Recent growth in heavy construction and, to a much lesser degree, government, has been primarily responsible for keeping employment at about last year's level in the past three months. Until the energy sector turns around, however, Wyoming will continue to lag behind the national economic recovery as it has for the past six months.

COUNTY TRENDS

All 23 counties had continued increases in their unemployment in June compared to June 1982. Carbon, Lincoln and Natrona Counties had the highest unemployment levels of 14.3, 13.1 and 12.2 percent in June, while Teton County had the lowest rate at 5.4 percent. While 16 counties indicated annual employment growth in June it exceeded five percent only in Johnson, Niobrara, Sublette and Uinta Counties.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The highest industrial wages reported in Wyoming in June, according to our current employment survey, were in coal mining with an average weekly wage of $645.86 or nearly $33,600 per year. Further detail is available on Table 4.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - JUNE 1983

INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	WYOMING
Manufacturing	$ 355.04	$ 320.08
Mining	486.06	471.55
Construction	445.36	I.N.A.
Trans. & Public Utilities	420.22	I.N.A.
Trade	207.05	I.N.A.
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	261.00	I.N.A.
Services	237.27	I.N.A.

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ALL URBAN

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
June 1983	298.1	292.0	323.1	235.9	195.6	298.3	355.4
Annual % Change	2.6	1.5	1.8	6.0	2.5	1.9	8.9

WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS

	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	RENT	APPAREL	TRANSP.	MEDICAL
June 1983	297.2	292.2	322.3	235.3	194.7	299.6	353.3
Annual % Change	2.4	1.5	1.5	5.9	2.7	1.7	8.8

PLEASE HELP IMPROVE OUR DATA

Much of the information that is contained in this report is based on labor market information that is furnished to us by employers on a voluntary basis. This data is used in cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in which

employment and unemployment statistics are compiled and published for certain industries and areas. Many employers have refused or have discontinued to participate in these programs. This has resulted in the deterioration in the quality of data that is published.

We ask your assistance in the improvement of the quality of our statistics, by participating in our current employment statistics program. Monthly reports from each employer are kept confidential and data is published only in summary form. In this time of economic stress, more business firms and government agencies are interested in labor force information - we hope to make ours the best available. If you are not now supplying us data - we ask that you please begin.

For further information concerning your participation in this program, please call (307) 235-3644.

TABLE 1
SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO JUNE 1983 FROM		
	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982
SELECTED CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT DATA							
Employed Labor Force	251,628	242,718	234,489	252,919	3.7	7.3	- 0.5
a) Covered Employment 2/	205,835	200,602	196,454	214,411	2.6	4.8	- 4.0
b) Agriculture 3/	18,823	13,943	12,675	19,171	35.0	48.5	- 1.8
Total Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	9.5%	10.0%	10.9%	5.5%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	9.6%	10.8%	10.6%	5.6%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Total Unemployment Rate-U.S.A.	10.2%	9.8%	10.0%	9.8%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Seasonally Adjusted	10.0%	10.1%	10.2%	9.5%	XXX	XXX	XXX
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE							
Claims Filed in Local Offices	51,127	49,394	61,104	32,340	3.5	- 16.3	58.1
a) Initial - Regular	3,494	3,911	4,171	3,765	- 10.7	- 16.2	- 7.2
Weeks Compensated	57,316	58,254	68,465	28,642	- 1.6	- 16.3	100.1
Total Amount Benefits Paid	$ 8,693,957	$ 8,785,908	$ 10,420,759	$ 4,084,381	- 1.0	- 16.6	112.9
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	$ 151.68	$ 150.82	$ 152.21	$ 142.60	0.6	- 0.3	6.4
Insured Unemployment Rate-Wyo.	4.4%	5.3%	6.3%	3.2%	XXX	XXX	XXX
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE							
New Applications Received	5,039	3,616	3,132	5,813	39.4	60.9	- 13.3
Non-Agri. Openings Received	2,819	1,688	1,678	3,370	67.0	68.0	- 16.4
Non-Agri. Placements	3,182	1,843	1,583	2,921	72.7	101.0	8.9
PRICE INDEXES - 1967=100							
Consumer Price Index							
All Urban - All Items	298.1	297.1	295.5	290.6	0.3	0.9	2.6
Wage Earners & Clerical Workers	297.3	296.3	294.9	290.1	0.3	0.8	2.4
Commodity Prices, Wholesale	302.5	301.7	300.8	299.3	0.3	0.6	1.1
Retail Prices of Food	292.0	292.4	292.1	287.8	- 0.1	- 0.0	1.5

1/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures. 2/ Covered under Wyoming U.I Law, not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey. 3/ Not benchmarked to the Current Population Survey.

TABLE 2-A
WYOMING TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE 1/				PERCENT CHANGE TO JUNE 1983 FROM		
	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982
Statewide	278,159	269,607	263,316	267,741	3.2	5.6	3.9
Albany	14,289	14,287	13,731	13,566	0.0	4.1	5.3
Big Horn	6,706	6,389	6,260	6,388	5.0	7.1	5.0
Campbell	22,253	21,857	21,603	21,543	1.8	3.0	3.3
Carbon	11,123	10,591	10,492	11,011	5.0	6.0	1.0
Converse	8,378	8,142	8,079	8,008	2.9	3.7	4.6
Crook	3,084	2,868	2,829	2,829	7.5	9.0	9.0
Fremont	18,917	19,103	18,666	18,259	- 1.0	1.3	3.6
Goshen	6,915	6,752	6,384	6,508	2.4	8.3	6.3
Hot Springs	3,007	2,982	2,865	2,801	0.8	5.0	7.4
Johnson	4,599	4,232	4,091	4,132	8.7	12.4	11.3
Laramie	33,989	33,997	33,360	33,846	0.0	1.9	0.4
Lincoln	6,275	5,998	5,894	6,116	4.6	6.5	2.6
Natrona	44,053	43,821	43,929	44,213	0.5	0.3	- 0.4
Niobrara	1,743	1,551	1,550	1,534	12.4	12.5	13.6
Park	16,288	13,708	12,526	15,631	18.8	30.0	4.2
Platte	4,621	4,620	4,155	4,577	0.0	11.2	1.0
Sheridan	13,025	12,815	12,412	12,246	1.6	4.9	6.4
Sublette	3,113	2,894	2,654	2,724	7.6	17.3	14.3
Sweetwater	25,413	25,510	24,896	24,367	- 0.4	2.1	4.3
Teton	9,516	6,774	6,487	8,867	40.5	46.7	7.3
Uinta	11,559	11,461	11,416	9,626	0.9	1.3	20.1
Washakie	5,497	5,286	5,182	5,290	4.0	6.1	3.9
Weston	3,798	3,972	3,854	3,661	- 4.4	- 1.5	3.7

1/ Latest month data is subject to revision. Prior month's data are revised figures.

TABLE 2-B
WYOMING TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY

AREA	TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATES			
	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982
Statewide	26,531	26,889	28,827	14,822	9.5	10.0	10.9	5.5
Albany	942	945	1,031	616	6.6	6.6	7.5	4.5
Big Horn	645	699	702	448	9.8	10.9	11.2	7.0
Campbell	1,900	1,806	1,992	934	8.5	8.3	9.2	4.3
Carbon	1,591	1,520	1,719	984	14.3	14.4	16.4	8.9
Converse	819	817	931	490	9.8	10.0	11.5	6.1
Crook	177	218	277	112	5.7	7.6	9.8	4.0
Fremont	2,270	2,337	2,427	1,468	12.0	12.2	13.0	8.0
Goshen	436	460	428	333	6.3	6.8	6.7	5.1
Hot Springs	242	231	217	161	8.0	7.7	7.6	5.7
Johnson	329	378	409	195	7.2	8.9	10.0	4.7
Laramie	2,542	2,529	2,656	1,666	7.5	7.4	8.0	4.9
Lincoln	825	952	1,150	564	13.1	15.9	19.5	9.2
Natrona	5,354	5,180	5,465	2,514	12.2	11.8	12.4	5.7
Niobrara	202	147	155	86	11.6	9.5	10.0	5.6
Park	959	968	1,003	661	5.9	7.1	8.0	4.2
Platte	402	379	415	334	8.7	8.2	10.0	7.3
Sheridan	1,082	1,056	1,188	681	8.3	8.2	9.6	5.6
Sublette	279	273	319	106	9.0	9.4	12.0	3.9
Sweetwater	2,953	2,855	2,899	1,308	11.6	11.2	11.6	5.4
Teton	510	819	954	277	5.4	12.1	14.7	3.1
Uinta	1,341	1,459	1,591	423	11.6	12.7	13.9	4.4
Washakie	416	479	455	267	7.6	9.1	8.8	5.0
Weston	307	389	444	195	8.1	9.6	11.5	5.3

TABLE 3
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO JUNE 1983 FROM		
	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982
WYOMING							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	218.6	213.7	206.7	227.0	2.3	5.8	- 3.7
Manufacturing	9.2	8.9	8.8	9.1	3.4	4.5	1.1
Durable Goods	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.7	9.8	7.1
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.9	2.2	0.0	- 4.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.6	0.0	0.0	- 18.8
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	209.4	204.8	197.9	217.9	2.2	5.8	- 3.9
Mining	36.1	35.1	35.1	37.4	2.8	2.8	- 3.5
Contract Construction	25.1	22.9	17.9	20.5	9.6	40.2	22.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	16.1	16.1	16.3	18.2	0.0	- 1.2	- 11.5
Railroad Transportation	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7	- 5.7	- 2.9	- 10.8
Transportation except Railroads	6.0	5.8	6.0	6.8	3.4	0.0	- 11.7
Utilities	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.8	0.0	- 1.4	- 12.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	46.1	45.2	45.0	51.5	2.0	2.4	- 10.5
Wholesale Trade	9.1	9.4	9.7	11.1	- 3.2	- 6.2	- 18.0
Retail Trade	37.0	35.8	35.3	40.4	3.4	4.8	- 8.4
Ret. Gen. Mdse., App. & Access. Stores	5.4	5.1	4.8	5.8	5.9	12.5	- 6.9
Food Stores	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.4	1.9	1.9	- 1.9
Automotive Dealers & Serv. Stat.	6.1	5.8	5.8	6.7	5.2	5.2	- 9.0
Eating & Drinking Places	13.0	12.7	12.4	14.6	2.4	4.8	- 11.0
Other Retail Trade	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.9	2.9	1.4	- 8.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.7	- 1.3	- 1.3	- 2.6
Services	32.2	30.3	29.2	37.5	6.3	10.3	- 14.1
Personal Services	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.6	7.1	7.1	- 6.3
Medical & Other Health Services	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.8	1.7	5.2	5.2
Government	46.3	47.6	46.8	45.1	- 2.7	- 1.1	2.7
Federal Government	7.2	7.1	7.0	8.1	1.4	2.9	- 11.1
State & Local Government	39.1	40.5	39.8	37.0	- 1.4	- 1.8	5.7
State Government	9.9	10.3	10.2	9.7	- 3.9	- 2.9	2.1
Local Government	29.2	30.2	29.6	27.3	- 3.3	- 1.4	7.0

(See Footnotes at End of Table)

TABLE 3 - Continued
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
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INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO JUNE 1983 FROM		
	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982
CASPER (Natrona County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	37.7	37.6	37.3	43.9	0.3	1.1	- 14.1
Manufacturing	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	0.0	0.0	- 27.8
Durable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	- 42.9
Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	- 18.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	- 16.7
Other Nondurables							
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	36.4	36.3	36.0	42.1	0.3	1.1	- 13.5
Mining	6.2	6.2	6.1	8.8	0.0	1.6	- 30.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	5.7	5.7	5.6	8.2	0.0	1.8	- 30.5
Other Mining, Quarrying, etc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	- 16.7
Contract Construction	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.5	12.2	9.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	4.0	0.0	- 7.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	9.4	9.6	9.7	11.5	- 2.1	- 3.1	- 18.3
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.9	- 2.6	- 2.6	- 24.5
Retail Trade	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.6	- 1.7	- 3.4	- 13.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	0.0	- 10.5
Services	5.6	5.6	5.7	6.8	0.0	- 1.8	- 17.6
Government	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.1	0.0	3.3	3.3
Federal Government	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.0	12.5	0.0
State & Local Government	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.2	0.0	1.9	3.8

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TABLE 3 - Continued
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING 1/
(Prepared in Cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT MONTHLY DATA 2/				PERCENT CHANGE TO JUNE 1983 FROM		
	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982
CHEYENNE (Laramie County)							
Total Non-Farm Wage & Salary Employment	29.0	30.0	29.3	30.4	- 3.3	- 1.0	- 4.6
Manufacturing	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.0	- 7.1	0.0
Total Non-Manufacturing Employment	27.7	28.7	27.9	29.1	- 3.5	- 0.7	- 4.8
Contract Construction	2.0	1.9	1.4	1.9	5.3	42.9	5.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.3	- 5.3	- 5.3	- 16.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade	7.4	7.3	7.2	6.9	1.4	2.8	7.2
Wholesale Trade	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.9	0.0	7.1	66.7
Retail Trade	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.0	1.7	1.7	- 1.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services & Mining	4.4	4.6	4.5	5.3	- 4.3	- 2.2	- 17.0
Government	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.2	1.0	2.1	5.4
Federal Government	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	4.2	4.2	4.2
State & Local Government	7.2	7.2	7.1	6.8	0.0	1.4	5.9

1/ Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 2/ Latest month's data is subject to revision. Prior months' data are revised figures.

TABLE 4
AVERAGE NON-FARM HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS IN WYOMING AND THE U.S.A.

INDUSTRY AREA	JUN 1983	MAY 1983	APR 1983	JUN 1982
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - U.S.A.				
Manufacturing	$ 355.04	$ 350.32	$ 349.05	$ 334.05
Mining	486.06	470.82	469.25	461.38
Construction	445.36	442.50	436.73	430.13
Trans. & Pub. Utilities	420.22	415.25	413.79	400.86
Trade	207.05	205.75	203.18	198.38
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	261.00	265.35	261.00	242.23
Services	237.27	236.09	234.72	224.35
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - WYOMING				
Manufacturing	$ 329.08	$ 305.95	$ 296.38	$ 334.84
Mining	471.55	470.53	476.16	477.10
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	40.3	39.9	39.8	39.3
Manufacturing - Wyoming	38.0	35.7	35.2	38.8
Mining - U.S.A.	42.9	42.0	41.6	42.8
Mining - Wyoming	38.4	38.6	38.4	41.2
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - WYOMING (U.S.A. where indicated)				
Manufacturing - U.S.A.	$ 8.81	$ 8.78	$ 8.77	$ 8.50
Manufacturing - Wyoming	8.66	8.57	8.42	8.63
Mining - U.S.A.	11.33	11.21	11.28	10.78
Mining - Wyoming	12.28	12.19	12.40	11.58